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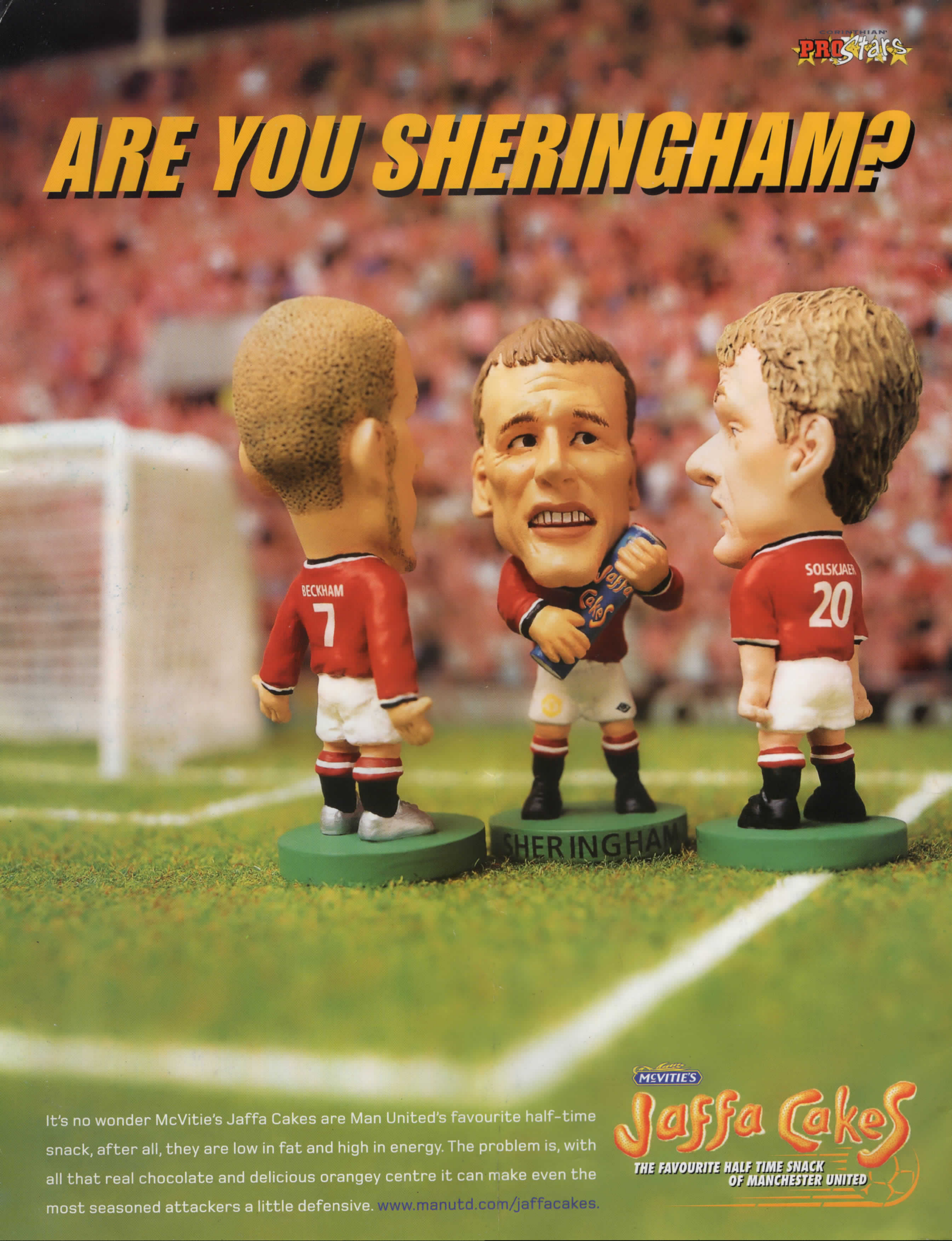
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GOLD Score 90-100%

PlayStation MAX SILVER
SILVER Score 80-89%

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BRONZE Score 70-79%

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Turn down the lights and make sure you're not alone... here are the best frights that money can buy.

RESIDENT EVIL
The daddy of horror games. Spawning a load of imitations, it scared the life out of us.

SILENT HILL
You won't find this town on *Wish You Were Here*. It was scarier than Slough on a Saturday night.

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"Earth's been invaded by a terrible alien horde. Unfortunately for us, they've not only got superior weaponry but are hard as nails too. If this wasn't bad enough, the invaders even have the cheek to cybernetically modify our own soldiers."

Rugrats in Paris 11
"Rugrats in Paris lets you wander round EuroReptarland playing lots of different sub-games, such as mini-golf and Bash the Ninjas. The game follows the film pretty closely and your first task is to get a Reptar Control Helmet."

Duke Nukem: Land of the Babes . . .12
"Saving the world was never going to be easy, so there's an excellent choice of weapons to help you – and they should all be familiar to any Duke fans out there. You've got your standard guns but, for those really difficult moments, you have the power of the Pipe Bomb and the all-conquering BFG."

▲ As well as being an expert beast-slayer, Ash was a dab hand at barbecues.

▲ Deadites attack you relentlessly.

PlayStation MAX UPDATE

EVIL DEAD: HAIL TO THE KING

If you go into the woods today... you're liable to find flying skulls, sword-wielding skeletons and a maniac with a chainsaw. Picnic anyone?

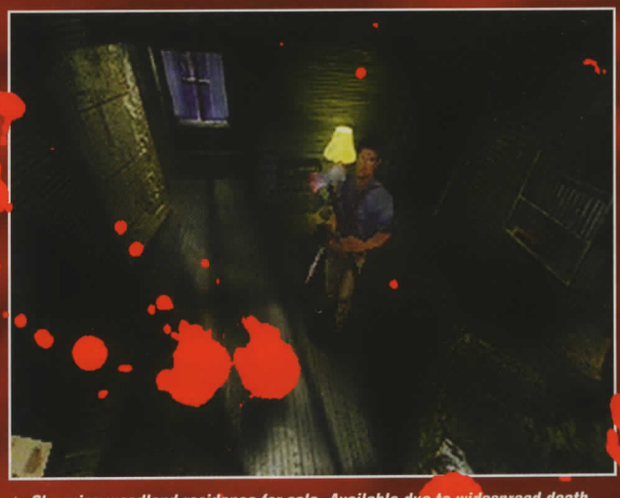
Everyone knows the rules in scary movies: never walk backwards in a darkened corridor, never say 'I'll be right back' and never, never take a holiday in a secluded cabin in the woods. Meet Ash, survivor of three *Evil Dead* films and breaker of that final rule.

Way back in 1983 in the film *The Evil Dead*, Ash, played by cult hero Bruce Campbell, went on such a vacation with his soon-to-be-worm-food friends. There they chanced upon the book *Necronomicon ex Mortis* which, probably because its publishers thought the title wasn't catchy enough, is also known as *The Book of the Dead*. The book helped to unleash an evil force from the woods and, to cut a short story even shorter, Ash was the only one to survive.

Four years later and Ash returned to the infamous cabin (why, oh why?) in *The Evil Dead II*. This time, he had to cut his own hand off after it had become infected with the evil (what's wrong with a dash of TCP?). The film ended with the hapless hero being cast back to medieval Europe, which was the scene of the final film in the trilogy – *Army of Darkness* (1993). Now, eight years on, Ash and his lucky new girlfriend are going back to that cabin once more (will he never learn?). Naturally, the evil force is still present (you could say that it's a resident evil) and the scene is set for more horror on the PlayStation.

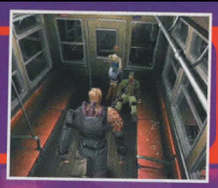
The game itself is a *Resi*-alike with 3D action set against

▲ A man's best friend is his chainsaw.



▲ Charming woodland residence for sale. Available due to widespread death.

RESIDENT EVIL 3
This zombie-laden gore-fest is the best of the series. Nemesis left us quaking in our boots. New pants please!

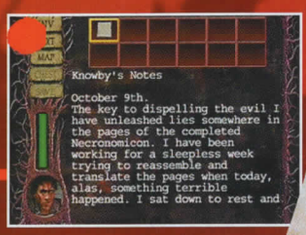


DINO CRISIS 2
The PlayStation gets all Jurassic with loads more scary monsters and weapons than the first outing. Great stuff!

▲ Jenny and Ash arrive – she doesn't stick around though!

▲ As if it wasn't gross enough, the ghouls vomit on you.

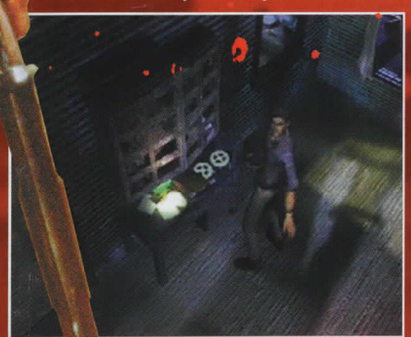
▲ Ash is faced by Linda, a headless ex-girlfriend!


Knowby's Notes
October 9th.
The key to dispelling the evil I have unleashed lies somewhere in the pages of the completed Necronomicon. I have been working for a sleepless week trying to reassemble and translate the pages when today, alas, something terrible happened. I sat down to rest and

▲ Available in all good book shops.

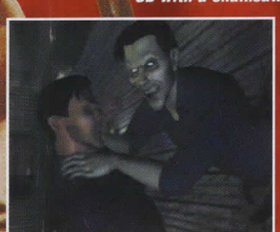
▲ The hand liked the hip sounds of Craig David.

▲ Ash is tooled up and ready for action. Later in the game he'll be able to upgrade his weapons.

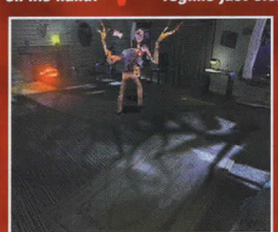


▲ Ash found it difficult to change the CD with a chainsaw on his hand.

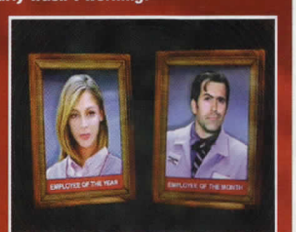
▲ Poor old Ash's daily cleanse-tone-moisturise regime just clearly wasn't working.



▲ Mr Beautiful on the right is Bad Ash.



▲ Ash's tree-cutting skills were especially useful in killing beasts.



▲ After his last girlfriend died, Ash met the lovely Jenny.

2D backgrounds and attempts to contain all the humour and gore of the films – so fans should be happy. Another reason for fans to be pleased is that Bruce Campbell, the star of the films, has done the voiceovers and the script features many of his catch phrases. 'Deadites' include skeletons, evil pigs and even Ash's deceased former girlfriend.

Fortunately, Ash will have the tools to do the job properly and along with his trademark chainsaw, he'll be able to tackle evil armed with axes, pistols and boomsticks. Some of these weapons can also be upgraded during the game for even more schlocky mayhem. With gore and shocks a plenty, we'll be dragging ourselves from behind the sofa to bring you a full review next month. ■

Picture: Kobal Collection

NEWS

PIPEMANIA 3D

This top little puzzler has finally been finished so we'll be able to bring you a preview next month. In it, you lay down pipes to guide the liquid around the play area towards a plug hole where it's disposed of safely. It's a simple idea, but like many puzzlers, it's totally addictive.

PS2 EXTRA

Just as we were preparing to finish the issue and go home, in came some hot PS2 news that was just too good to miss out on. Catch up on the latest info right now.

THE GETAWAY GONE AWAY!

Lush PS2 driving game gets a rating!

DISASTER STRIKES. The Getaway, the driving game that looks just too good to be true is to get an 18 rating.

Looking and playing like a videogame version of *Lock Stock And Two Smoking Barrels*, the game features many illegal acts – a bit like a *Driver* gone mad. Wonder if you can drive the post office vans? Either way, this one's for big bro' only. Sorry for the bad tidings. ■

▲ Don't drive on the pavement!

▲ London looks so real.

WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 2001

Top new rally racer jumps in the lead.

▲ Kick up some mud in this amazingly life-like rally racer. Watch out Colin!

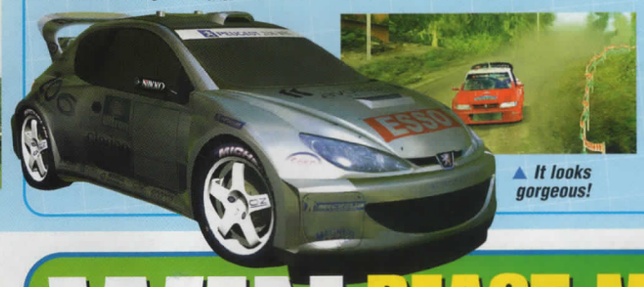
▲ Life-like drivers are at the wheel.

▲ Don't stop for hitchhikers.

News just in on the PS2's latest rally racer, *World Rally Championship 2001* – the makers are using the latest equipment in the industry and it looks like it's shaping up to be the best racer ever!

The game promises to "look like no other driving or rally game to date" by using Higher Order Surface technology, photo realistic environments and satellite based terrain. What does this mean? Well, to you and us it means the tracks will be some of the best looking and most realistic ever seen in a video game.

Add to this the official licence, real-life drivers appearing in the cars, motion-captured people and life-like damage, and this could well give Colin a run for his money. For now, enjoy these screenshots! ■



▲ It looks gorgeous!

GAME INFO

Game Type: .....Racing
Players: .....One or two
Expected:.....Autumn 2001
It's a bit like: Colin McRae Rally 2.0

BUZZ FACTOR 4/5

GET ON THE BLOWER

Wanna see a Thunderbirds game? PS one LCD screen any cop? Favourite 3D platformer?

I think a *Thunderbirds* game would be FAB! Just so long as I could be Brains, 'cos he's the best *Thunderbirds* character by far!
Phil Gibbs, London

The PS one screen is a good idea, but it's too small! They should make one the size of a telly that you could roll up.
Amy Glass, Nottingham

I like *Spyro*. I haven't got the second and third one, but the first one is ACE! It took me months to finish.
Rick Purnell, Leeds

Crash is my favourite. He's really cool – and he's got four different games to star in.
Tony Rowe, Newcastle

PlayStation MAX is the best mag EVER but can you give us a free game? That would be so cool.
Rachael New, Suffolk

I bought *007 Racing* because 'cos I like James Bond but it's rubbish. Don't get it.
Charlie Coney, Cardiff

Should the PS one be even smaller? Final Fantasy IX – is it too hard? Favourite driving game ever?

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Keep it brief, make it fun.

WIN BEAST MACHINES AND GOODY BAGS!

Beast Machines, the latest installment in the long running Transformers saga, sees the Heroic Maximals (descendants of the Autobots) back on planet Cybertron pursued by the evil Megatron and his Vehicons (descendants of the Decepticons).

The action is as exciting as it was in the last series, *Beast Wars*, and introduces a new way of transforming which our heroes have to learn and master. And of course some of the Maximals are not quite as good at it as the others!

As this new series starts on 19 February on Fox Kids, we've teamed up with the channel to give you the chance to win one of 20 *Beast Machine* action figures (courtesy of Hasbro) or one of ten Fox Kids goody bags. All you have to do is answer the following question on the back of a postcard and send it to the address below before the closing date (check the compo rules on page 16):

FOX KIDS

Q. Who is the leader of the heroic Maximals?
a) Cheetar
b) Optimus Primal
c) Megatron

Send your answers on a postcard to...
Beast Machines Compo, PlayStation MAX, Future Publishing, 30 Monmouth Street, Bath. BA1 2BW

F1 WORLD GRAND PRIX

Another F1 game is about to hit PS one (they won't stop coming). We'll be reviewing this one next ish, and features to look forward to are the quick pick-up-and-play arcade mode, proper damage and and all the 2000 stats. Woohoo!

UEFA 2001

Luis Figo shows 'em how it's done.

Set for a release this side of the year, *UEFA 2001* aims to be the definitive footy game on PlayStation. The world's most expensive player, Luis Figo, has been brought in to perfect the animations with his majestic skills.

▲ *The stadiums should look very real.*

Alongside him are the likes of Kevin Phillips, Dwight Yorke, Sonny Anderson and many other top international players. Attention to detail is a priority it seems, with realistic kits, motion-capture, and facial expressions.

But of course all these guys need somewhere to play, and the stadiums are set to recreate the same level of excitement as you'd find at a real ground – minus the pie sellers of course! ■

▲ *Falling over is an art, says Luis.*

GAME INFO

Game Type: .....Football
Players: .....One or two
Expected:.....TBA
It's a bit like:
Champions League 2000/2001

BUZZ FACTOR 3/5

FIRST LOOK

▲ *See my blade slice the air!*

▲ *Hey! Big pants are in back in.*

SAMURAI SHODOWN WARRIORS RAGE

Old game get a new lick of paint...

Ever wanted to kick butt samurai style? Well soon you can with *Samurai Shodown Warriors Rage*, due out in May.

There are 11 characters to choose from and plenty of weapons, ranging from clubs to throwing knives to gun swords. And if you're good, you may be able to unlock extras such as movie sequences and an extensive art gallery.

The battle mode has a special RPG-style part to it, where you can gain attribute points to beef up your warrior. This will allow for a little more depth – otherwise it's hack and slash all the way! ■

GAME INFO

Game Type: .....Fighting
Players: .....One or two
Expected: .....May
It's a bit like:
Street Fighter

BUZZ FACTOR 3/5

▲ *Take that, you samurai scumbag!*

PREVIEW

reviewed next month

▲ *With a bit of work on the graphics, this could be a great RPG.*

▲ *Dark, but not stony. I can't see anything.*

▲ *It's a lovely day out in the country. Oh yes indeedy.*

▲ *Tell him to shut up twanging on that awful lute, will you?*

▲ *You'll need some light in those dark dungeons.*

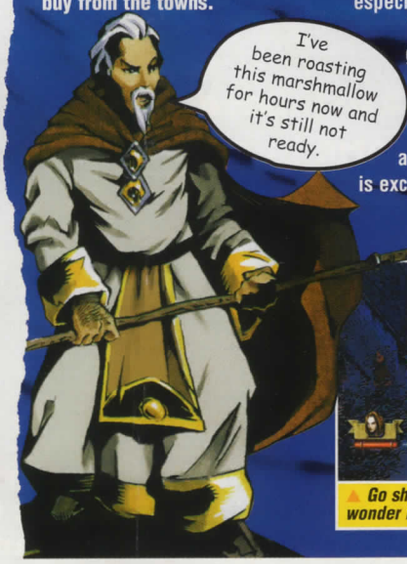
Darkstone

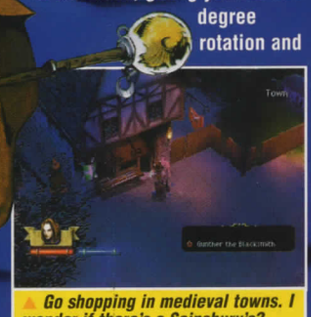
Dragons, dungeons and ye olde supermarkets. Could this be an RPG?

Set in ancient times, it's the old good versus evil scenario, filled with magic, warriors and huge dungeons, as well as the odd dragon or two. *DarkStone* is an action RPG very similar to *Diablo*, so expect all the usual armour, spells, ye olde weaponry and roast chickens to buy from the towns.

At the beginning you pick and name a character, be it a warrior, magician, thief or priest, and choose the gender of your hero/heroine. Then you're off into town to find out more about the recent death and destruction that has occurred, buy items and listen to a fantastic song that was recorded especially for the game.

The dungeons in the game can be a little hard to find, and once inside you need to use the map to work out where you are. Thankfully, the camera is excellent, giving you full 360 degree rotation and zooming capability. What many people liked about *Diablo* was the levelling-up process – like in *Final Fantasy*, your player gets stronger the more creatures you kill, and you can distribute points to different areas such as strength or speed. With some work on the graphics, this could turn out to be pretty good. ■





▲ *Go shopping in medieval towns. I wonder if there's a Sainsbury's?*

GAME INFO

Players: .....One to two
Release: .....April
It's a bit like:
Diablo

Early Impressions

"*Diablo* wasn't a bad game if you had plenty of time to spare. *DarkStone* looks to be the same kind of adventure. This could turn out to be right good fun, if you like that sort of thing!"

BUZZ FACTOR 3/5

"IN THE" FRAME

Happy landings Vaughan, rather you than us...

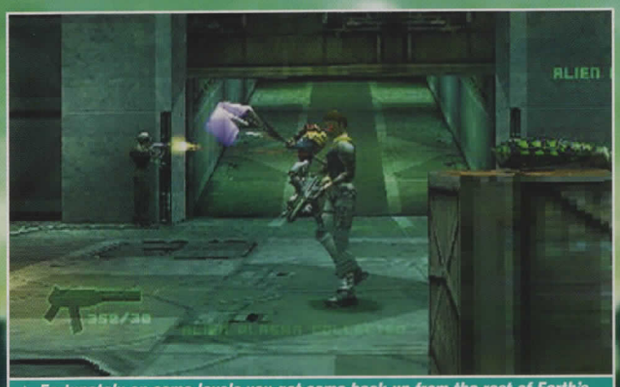
Points of View

Vaughan's alien laser implant allows him to look at the world from his own special cyborg perspective. This handy viewpoint gives you info on your enemies and other objects, as well as making targeting much easier.

▲ "Mmm, my special implant reveals that this cyborg is a Pisces, he's single and his favourite food is dog."

▲ This viewpoint makes firing your gun-type weaponry much easier, but it's no good for bladed weapons.

▲ Eat this you winged alien butt head!!!



▲ Fortunately on some levels you get some back up from the rest of Earth's forces. "You take out that killer robot while I deal with this caterpillar."

▲ "I must get a smaller lunchbox."

▲ "Tarmac trousers time!"

▲ Keep an eye out for alien snipers; those laser sights are a dead give away.

PREVIEW

Out this March

C-12

Final Resistance

The aliens have landed and they didn't come in peace!

▲ Better get yer thinking head Worzel, this looks like a puzzle.

▲ Vaughan's gleaming underpants were even whiter than white.

The first time we got a peek at *C-12* was at a computer show in London last September when it appeared out of nowhere. It looked good back then, but now we've finally got our hands on a copy, and things are looking even more fantastic.

As the game kicks off we learn that Earth's been invaded by a terrible alien horde. Unfortunately for us, they've not only got superior weaponry but are hard as nails too. If this wasn't bad enough, the invaders even have the cheek to cybernetically modify our own captured soldiers and use them against us. As a result, Earth's military have to take some drastic measures – namely turning their finest soldier Lieutenant Vaughan into a horrible mutant using captured alien technology. The future of Earth rests on the shoulders of this genetic freak; only Vaughan with his alien implants has the power to infiltrate deep into enemy territory and destroy the invading menace from within.

As you might have guessed, you take control of Vaughan on his mission to save the planet. The game plays like a cross between *Fear Effect* and *Metal Gear Solid* providing a good mix of blast-'em-up action and brain-fangling puzzles. *C-12*'s cut-scenes feature a very British cast of voice actors – its great to hear a soldier yelling "Let's kick some alien arse!" rather than the usual American version (ass) that we've grown used to.

Normally an alien invasion of our lovely planet is the last thing we'd want to see, but as *C-12* seems to be shaping up to be such a fantastic game, we just can't wait for the spaceships to start landing. ■

> "Only Vaughan with his alien implants has the power to infiltrate the alien enemy..."

▲ Eat my plasma death ray you alien muddy funsters!!!

▲ Eek, Vaughan may be ugly but look at this bum-faced loon!

▲ Beware the aliens' vicious snot-rayed attack!

The Knowledge

Running in guns blazing is all well and good, but as *C-12*'s enemy cyborgs and aliens are all extremely tough cookies, sometimes it's worth having a gander at your surroundings to see what else maybe lying around to help you...

▲ We wouldn't fancy our chances taking this tank head on...

▲ ... Aha, what's this? Looks like a handy laser outpost to us...

▲ Think you're hard, huh? Not so tough any more mate.

Don't Mess with the Best...

Early on in the game the only enemies you'll run into will be your poor mutated ex-comrades who've now taken to batting for the other team. Later on, though, you'll have to take on the alien invaders themselves and, believe us, with their massive weaponry and general rock hardness, you don't want to mess with these fellas. Yoinks!

▲ This machine gun wielding fool is easy enough to deal with, just keep away from his laser sight.

▲ "Ah, hello chaps, I think this whole invasion thing has been a bit of a misunderstanding, gulp."

▲ Going eyeball to mutant eyeball with alien loons like this is not a pretty sight.

▲ "This green shade brings out my lovely mutant complexion, doesn't it?"

▲ It may look like Tomb Raider but Lara is nowhere to be seen.

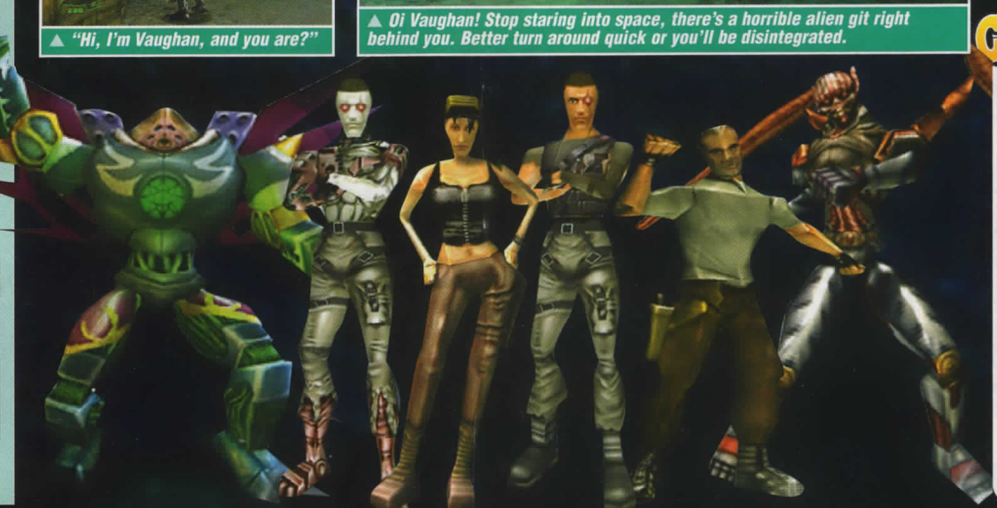
▲ Don't damage those lovely walls.

▲ "Hi, I'm Vaughan, and you are?"

▲ Oi Vaughan! Stop staring into space, there's a horrible alien git right behind you. Better turn around quick or you'll be disintegrated.

▲ This is Vaughan-o-vision.

▲ No way through, or is there...?



GAME INFO

Players: .....One

Release: .....March

It's a bit like:
Fear Effect

"Lashings of alien invaders, horrible mutants and no-good cyborgs all add up to what is gonna be a top class game. We can't wait to get a finished version and give the invaders a slap!"

BUZZ FACTOR 4/5

4X4 EVOLUTION

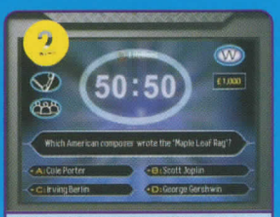
Check out this cracking new off-roader coming to PS2. Graphically it looks pretty amazing and has a lot of features too. There are 70 SUV (Sports Utility Vehicles) to choose from and you get to race over 15 fantastic looking course. See the preview in MAX2 next month.

CHARTS

WHAT'S HOT (AND WHAT'S NOT!) IN THE WORLD OF PLAYSTATION THIS MONTH? COULD IT BE WRESTLING?

(-) WWF Smackdown! 2

Holding its own, *WWF 2* hits the top of the charts where it hurts.



(-) Who Wants to be a Millionaire

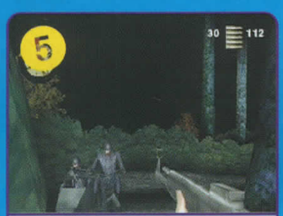
Another month and nobody notices that you *can't actually win anything*!

(-) Driver 2

In third place. Gangster racing and dodgy dealing remain popular.

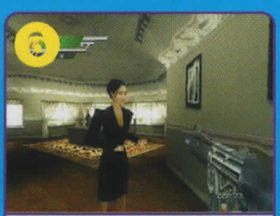
(5) FIFA 2001

It's good – but it's no *ISS Evo 2*. So what are you waiting for? Get it now!



(6) Medal of Honor: Underground

Underground, overground, Wombling free. *MoH* moves up a place.



(4) The World is not Enough

Down two places. Mr Bond must be feeling shaken (if not stirred) by now.

(-) Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2

Did you know that Tony Hawk is 33 years old? Old enough to be your dad!

(10) Tomb Raider Chronicles

Lara's unique charms prove to be two places more popular than last month.

(NE) Spyro: Year of the Dragon

He's the most famous dragon since Puff moved away from by the sea.

(9) Dino Crisis 2

Dinosaurs still proving popular, as is the queen of the dinosaurs, Regina.

CHEAPO CHARTS

PlayStation games for the terminally short of pocket-money. And what a fine bunch.

1. Crash Team Racing
2. Spyro the Dragon 2
3. Toy Story 2
4. Rayman

FAVE FIVES

Wanna win a free game and get your mug printed in MAX? What are you waiting for? A bus? Write in and don't forget your photo!

1. Tomb Raider 3
2. TOCA 1
3. Tomb Raider 1
4. Mortal Kombat Trilogy
5. Medievil

TOM'S TOP GAMES

Tom thinks he's best in the world at games. These are his top pick.

1. Iss Pro Evolution 2
2. Fear Effect 2: Retro Helix
3. Harvest Moon
4. The Simpsons Wrestling
5. Duke Nukem: LOTB

SONIC ON THE PLAYSTATION?

Sega games old and new to come to the PlayStation! Hurray!

FIRST LOOK

▲ *18 Wheller. It's a complete riot.*

▲ *Fancy driving one of these?*

Until recently, there was no way you'd ever get to play *Sonic the Hedgehog* (or any other great Sega games) unless you owned a Dreamcast or one of the older Sega consoles like the Saturn or the Mega Drive.

But now – hurray – you will be able to, as Sega have announced that for the first time they will be developing games for the PlayStation. They will also be porting over some of their old classics – meaning that you will be able to get to play all sorts of great Sega games like *Sonic the Hedgehog, Virtua Fighter* and *Crazy Taxi* on your faithful old Sony!

The reason for this, you see, is that until now, Sega have concentrated on only making games for their own machines, most recently the Dreamcast. However, things aren't going that well for Sega at the moment because the Dreamcast sales figures haven't been too hot – not compared to the PlayStation 2 that walked out of the shops at Christmas. So rather than keep all their games for themselves, Sega have decided to stop making hardware, and instead develop games for the PlayStation instead. Cool, eh? What good sports.

Versions of old Sega Saturn and Megadrive games will be ported over to the PS one, including the *Sonic the Hedgehog* series, and possibly other classics like *Mortal Kombat, Afterburner* and *Space Harrier*. Meanwhile, current Dreamcast games are to be ported over to the PS2, including *Crazy Taxi, 18 Wheeler American Pro Trucker* and *Zombie Revenge*, whilst the first exclusive to PS2 Sega games looks like being *Virtua Fighter 4*. Can't wait? Nor can we! ■

▲ *Crazy Taxi is brilliant!*

▲ *Worth buying a Dreamcast for?*

▲ *No need. It'll be on PS2 soon!*

F1 RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

With the new F1 season upon us, it's great to have a PS2 F1 game on its way. On the downside, this game has the stats from the 1999 season (WHY???). On the upside, it looks the business and is crammed with features. Review next ish.

CLASSIC GAME HAIR STYLES

Each ish, the MAX team get completely covered in hair!

4 HARVEST MOON (ELLI)

▲ The Reptar Control Helmet.

▲ Wander around the park collecting Reptar tickets. Gotta grab 'em all!

PLAYSTATION MAX

Net Result

Website of the month: The Simpsons (www.thesimpsons.com)

The Simpsons Wrestling is out, but where can you find out all about your favourite little yellow family? Why, here of course!

BIOS

Did you know that Grampa Simpson invented the toilet? You do now! Here you can find out info on all the *Simpsons* characters, including the Simpson family, the townsfolk of Springfield and even all the guest stars who did voices for special characters.

EPISODE GUIDE

Read a brief description of every single episode of *The Simpsons*, and see which ones you've seen and which you've missed. You can also read about new episodes, including one where Lisa nearly gets struck by lightning and stars Pacey from *Dawson's Creek*!

QUIZ

How well do you know your *Simpsons*? Every day a different character will ask a question, and you can vote for the correct answer. For example, what is Bart's favourite video game? Celebrity Autopsy, Larry the Looter or Lee Carvallo's Challenge?

BUY

Everybody loves *Simpsons* stuff, and you can pick up some exclusive goodies here. How about a chess set, a Kwik-E-Mart shirt like Apu wears, or even some Marge bubble bath! Everything comes from America, so the videos and DVDs won't work in the UK.

Rugrats In Paris

Watch out Paris! The crazy tots are about to hit town!

▲ A secret area full of red tickets!

▲ Tommy gets lost in the Golf Park.

Soon it'll be time to get down to the cinema and shove fistfuls of popcorn into your mouth as the new Rugrats movie is released – then get home to explore EuroReptarland yourself as the game comes out around the same time.

Following the theme park theme, *Rugrats in Paris* lets you wander around EuroReptarland playing lots of different sub-games, such as mini-golf, Bash the Ninjas and Cookie Shurikens. The game follows the film pretty closely, so your first task is to get a Reptar Control Helmet in order to communicate with the giant Godzilla-wannabe.

To do this you have to collect 16 gold tickets. You win these by completing the many mini-games that are scattered around the different areas of the park. Each of these areas is themed, and the sub-games are located inside the buildings.

The version we saw involved lots of wandering around in search of the sub-games, and since you only get one gold ticket per game it will take you a while to get the first item (you have to visit 16 sub-games and complete them). Still, we're looking forward to the review next ish. ■

PREVIEW

Reviewed next month

GAME INFO

Players: .....One or two

Release: .....April

It's a bit like:
Rugrats Studio Tour

Early Impressions
"With the addition of a few more sub-games and a little bit of tweaking, this could turn out to be a fun-filled Rugrats adventure. Look out for our full review in next month's MAX."

BUZZ FACTOR 3/5

▲ This sub-game involves throwing baseballs at the targets.

"IN THE FRAME"

There's a great story and it's explained in the fab intro.

▲ You're too late for this lass Duke, she's already dead! Keep going though, as there are plenty of 'em still breathing.

▲ The aliens from previous Duke games make an unwelcome return.

▲ Duke's mean and ready to kick some serious alien butt.

▲ That's the end of that! The weapons are as big and powerful as before, there are just more of 'em.

Ssshhh! It's a Secret

The best part about these games is trying to find all the hidden bits. Here's what you've got to look forward to...

▲ There are secret bits all over the place, you just have to keep your eyes open.

▲ There's a pool below here and a top weapon, too.

PREVIEW

Reviewed next ish

Duke Nukem: La

The Dukester's back and now he's really mad! Thankfully, this time, the babes are on his side...

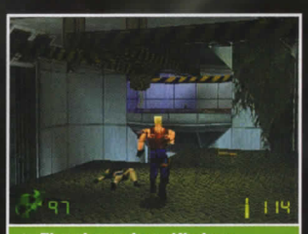
The Duke's back and this time he's got to save the world from pig-faced aliens. Oh, hold on, hasn't he already done that? Yeah, but this time there's a twist in the plot...

Land of the Babes is basically the same as *Duke Nukem: A Time to Kill* but with a few changes and a new storyline. In the future the world is taken over by pig-faced aliens again. All the men are considered a threat so are hunted down and wiped out leaving, you guessed it, the women. These are clever, boffin-type women, and, before long, they've only gone and created a time machine. With this invention, they bring forward in time the only man that can save the world... Duke Nukem.

Like *A Time to Kill*, *Land of the Babes* is viewed from behind Duke (a bit like *Tomb Raider*) and each of the levels gives you a choice selection of missions and tasks to work through. There's a funky training mode to start you off, with all manner of mini-games to try to conquer, and then you're on to the game itself.

Saving the world was never going to be easy, so there's an excellent choice of weapons to help you – and they should all be familiar to any Duke fans out there. You've got your standard guns as faithful companions but, for those really difficult moments, you have the power of the Pipe Bomb and the all-conquering BFG (although we're not entirely sure what it stands for. Big Friendly Giant?).

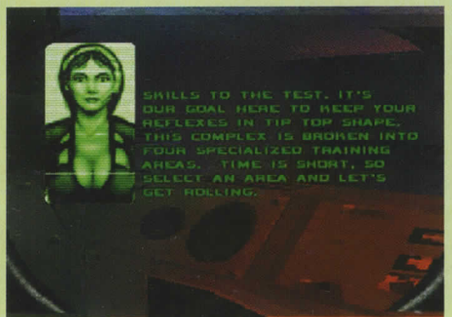
Puzzles and funny moments are lurking around every corner and there's no shortage of secret rooms, weapons and hidden bits to keep you going. The only question is, though, have we seen it all before? Check out our review next month. ■



▲ There's a sniper rifle here.

Just Practising

There are four arenas to train in before you get to the main game and they're great fun to play on their own.


SKILLS TO THE TEST. IT'S
OUR GOAL HERE TO KEEP YOUR
REFLEXES IN TIP TOP SHAPE.
THIS COMPLEX IS BROKEN INTO
FOUR SPECIALIZED TRAINING
AREAS. TIME IS SHORT, SO
SELECT AN AREA AND LET'S
GET ROLLING.

▲ Don't worry, she'll give you all the help you need.

▲ Ah, we liked this bit. Shoot all the targets as quickly as possible. You'll be an ace marksman in no time.

▲ Don't land on anything painful!

Death Times Two

There's a variety of camera angles, screen angles and costumes for the multi-player games, all you need is a mate to play against and an unhealthy amount of pent-up rage.

▲ There he is! Shoot him before he shoots you!

▲ With a weapon like that, you're sure to win.

▲ See that portal behind you? That's where Duke emerges from.

▲ "Ooh, I hate ladders, me. It's 'cos I'm scared of heights."

▲ There's plenty of variety in the things you have to kill, but thankfully, there are also more than enough decent weapons to kill them with.

▲ The infamous 'Green' gun.

▲ Watch out, they gang up on you.

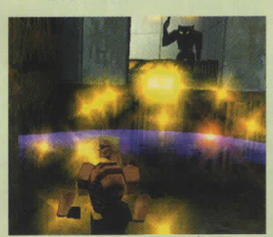
▲ If that's the future I don't want it.

nd Of The Babes

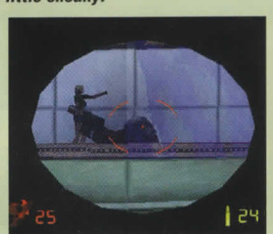
▲ Yippee! I've found a secret.

Shoot to Kill

There's a good choice of weapons to bust alien ass with.



▲ Save your Pipe Bombs for moments when you want to be a little sneaky!

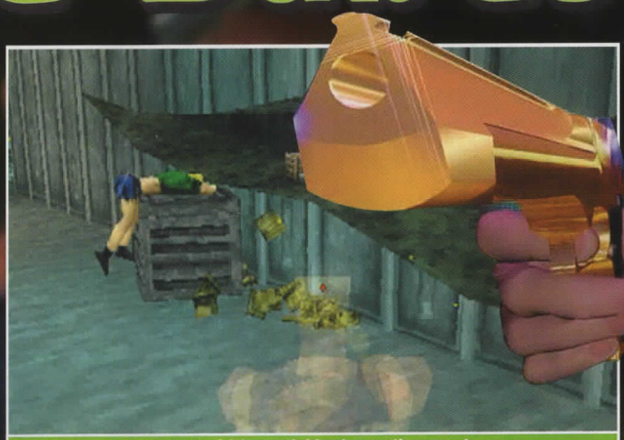


▲ Save the girl! Kill the baddie! Save the planet!

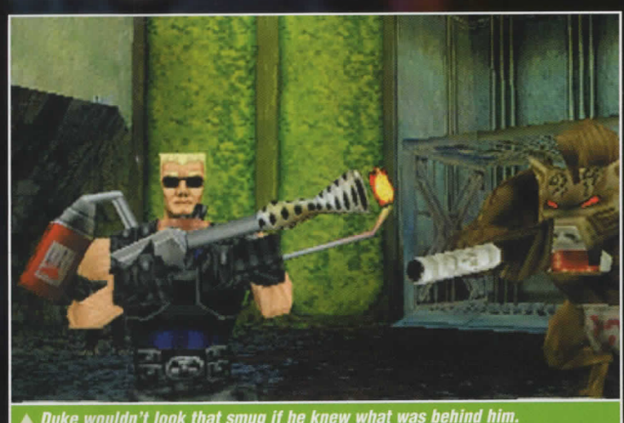
▲ Choose your gun from here.

▲ AARRGGHH! Now that's scary!

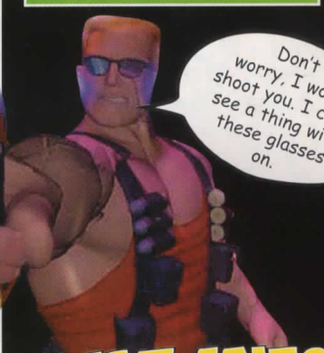
▲ It's different... kill it!



▲ Need some extra ammo? It's worth blowing up these crates.



▲ Duke wouldn't look that smug if he knew what was behind him.



GAME INFO

Players: ..... One to two

Release: .....March

It's a bit like:
Duke Nukem: A Time to Kill

"We've had a decent play-test of this now and we have to say that we're not totally bowled over so far. Let's hope things can be improved a bit before we review the game next ish."

BUZZ FACTOR 2/5

"Funny moments are lurking around every corner and there's no shortage of secrets."

NEWS

MORE FOR LESS!

More budget game announcements this month. This time, the games up for the grabable price of £9.99 are *Gekido Urban Fighters* (side scrolling beat-'em-up) and *Demolition Racer* (surely the title speaks for itself). These games are now just a few weeks' pocket money away!

BATMAN GOTHAM CITY RACER

FIRST LOOK

Jingle Bells, Batman Smells, Robin drove away.

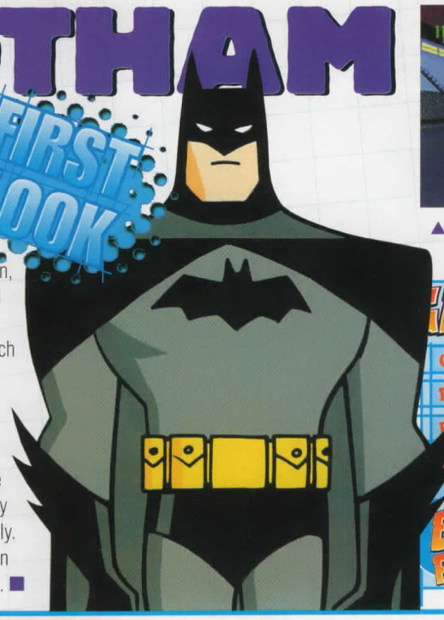
What's the best thing about Batman? His outfit? The Batcave? Of course not. It's all the cool vehicles he gets to drive: the Batmobile and the jet-powered Batcycle to name two.

Batman GCR lets you chose from 14 vehicles belonging to either the Good Guys (including Batman, Robin and Batgirl) or the Bad Guys (including The Joker, Two-Face and Mr Freeze), each with their own gadgets.

With over 50 missions set over five locations, it looks like a futuristic *Driver*. And best of all, there's an ace two-player mode you can play co-operatively or competitively. Roll on summer, we say, when *Batman GCR* hits the shelves. ■

▲ *It's just like the cartoon!*

▲ *Follow the Bat Signal-style arrow.*



▲ *It looks like a PS2 game. Can this really be coming to PS One?*

GAME INFO

- **Game Type:** .....Driving
- **Players:** .....One or two
- **Expected:** .....Summer
- **It's a bit like:** A cartoon Driver

BUZZ FACTOR 4/5

WIN A THRILLING DAY OUT!

Pictured: Tidal Wave. Europe's highest water drop ride.

10 FAMILY TICKETS TO THORPE PARK TO GIVE AWAY!!

Everybody likes a day out, and there's no better way to spend one than plummeting 100 feet at 5.5 g-force or spinning 360 degrees or being subjected to high-speed rotations while suspended in the air. And where better to do all this than at the thrilling Thorpe Park in the heart of sunny Surrey? Nowhere, that's where.

That's why we've got ten family tickets to give away (each one admits two adults and two children under the age of 12) to Britain's fastest changing theme park with three new rides for 2001. Just think of the smile you could put on Mum's face when you force her onto the explosive Detonator. Help Dad recapture his youth with a 360 degree spin on the Zodiac. And shut up your irritating brother or sister once and for all by subjecting them to the high-speed twists and turns of the raging Vortex. You'll be the hero of the day!

To stand a chance of winning, simply answer this easy-peasy question and send you answer (remembering to include your name and address) on the back of a postcard to:

Thorpe Park Compo, PlayStation Max, Future Publishing, 30 Monmouth Street, Bath, BA1 2BW

Check compo rules on page 16.

Q. Which of these is NOT one of the three new rides at Thorpe Park?
a) Detonator b) Vortex c) Cyclone

FATAL FURY WILD AMBITION

More traditional beat-'em-up action, but this time in 3D!

There are more families of beat-'em-ups than there are families of people living in your street. But then again, you're unlikely to ever see Family *Street Fighter*, Family *Tekken* or Family *Fatal Fury* getting together for a do at Chrimbo.

Family *Fatal Fury*, meanwhile, are expecting to hear the patter of tiny feet, as *Wild Ambition* is released this May. The focus is firmly on more of the same – this is a strict arcade-based beat-'em-up, with an outlandish array of moves and characters, techniques and combos, blows and special moves.

However, this time, the action makes the much-needed leap from 2D to 3D, bringing *Wild Ambition* up alongside *Street Fighter EX* and *Tekken 3*. *Fatal Fury Wild Ambition* will feature three modes of play, 12 characters and a brand new final boss – the spooky-sounding Geese Howard. Other than that, we're simply waiting to actually play the thing. Which we'll be doing next month. See you then! ■

GAME INFO

- **Game Type:** .....Beat-'em-up
- **Players:** .....One to two
- **Expected:** .....April
- **It's a bit like:** Street Fighter Ex

BUZZ FACTOR 3/5

▲ *He'll have someone's eye out.*

▲ *This date is turning out badly.*

FIRST LOOK

CHARACTER ASSASSINATION

OMIGOSH! There's a maniac killer loose in PlayStation land...

READERS POLL

Results! The best and worst stuff voted by you!

Remember the Readers' Poll we held back in our Christmas issue? We certainly do – by the sack-fulls of nominations the MAX postman has delivered to the MAX office every morning. Time, then, to bring matters to a conclusion, as after hours of sifting, collating, losing count and having to start again, we can bring you the results of how the year 2000 treated you. Here we go!

BEST PLAYSTATION GAME OF 2000

No doubts about it – wrestling proved almost twice as popular as skateboarding, driving and dressing up in a tight-fitting lycra costume in *Spider-Man*. *WWF Smackdown! 2* rules!

1. **WWF Smackdown! 2**
2. **Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2**
3. **Gran Turismo 2**

BEST PLAYSTATION GAME OF ALL TIME

In spite of what the year 2000 could throw at us, no game managed to knock *Metal Gear Solid* off its perch of Best Game Ever. Long may Solid Snake live!

1. **Metal Gear Solid**
2. **Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2**
3. **Final Fantasy VIII**

POOIEST GAME OF THE YEAR

Sheep, which came in at number five, wasn't great, but it wasn't that bad, was it? Not as bad as *Lego Rock Raiders*, *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*, *Rugrats* or the awful *Barbie*, it seems.

1. **Barbie Supersports**
2. **Rugrats: Search for Reptar**
3. **Who Wants to be a Millionaire**

BEST GRAPHICS

Gran Turismo 2 had our eyes popping out of our heads when we first saw it, and its effects haven't worn off since. *Final Fantasy IX* looked ace too.

1. **Gran Turismo 2**
2. **Final Fantasy IX**
3. **WWF Smackdown! 2**

COOLEST GAME CHARACTER

Victory for marsupials over Homo Sapiens, as Crash Bandicoot out-cools Lara, Solid Snake, Spidey and Rayman as coolest games character.

1. **Crash Bandicoot**
2. **Lara Croft**
3. **Solid Snake**

BEST BADDIE OF ALL TIME

He may be cute, but Crash still has two of the nastiest baddies ever to deal with – Dr Neo Cortex and Tiny Tiger. Elsewhere, those rogues Liquid Snake and The Grinch steal Metal Gear and Christmas respectively.

1. **Dr Neo Cortex (Crash Bandicoot)**
2. **Nemesis (Resi Evil)**
3. **Liquid Snake (Metal Gear)**

MOST ANNOYING GAME CHARACTER

He's got no limbs, which is why Rayman proved to be the most annoying game character around. Why Lara, Spyro and Dr Neo are so annoying is less apparent, but it's perfectly obvious why runner up *WWTBAM*'s Chris Tarrant is!

1. **Rayman**
2. **Lara Croft**
3. **Spyro**

WORST HAIRCUT ON A GAME CHARACTER

He's got no limbs and a haircut that looks like someone's swapped it for a mop. Poor Rayman. Abe's alien toupe hasn't gone down well, nor has Stone Cold Steve 'Slaphead' Austin's slaphead.

1. **Rayman**
2. **Cloud**
3. **Abe**

WORST CONSOLE EVER

Little respect is due to the dying-of-old-age N64, and the Dreamcast hasn't made an impression. The rest are so old, no wonder they're rubbish.

1. **N64**
2. **Dreamcast**
3. **Sega Master System**

GAME YOU CAN'T WAIT TO PLAY IN 2001

Good news for those of you waiting for *Simpsons Wrestling*. But those hanging on for "FIFA 2002" and "The Next Crash" might be disappointed...

1. **ISS Pro Evolution 2**
2. **The Simpsons Wrestling**
3. **"FIFA 2002"**

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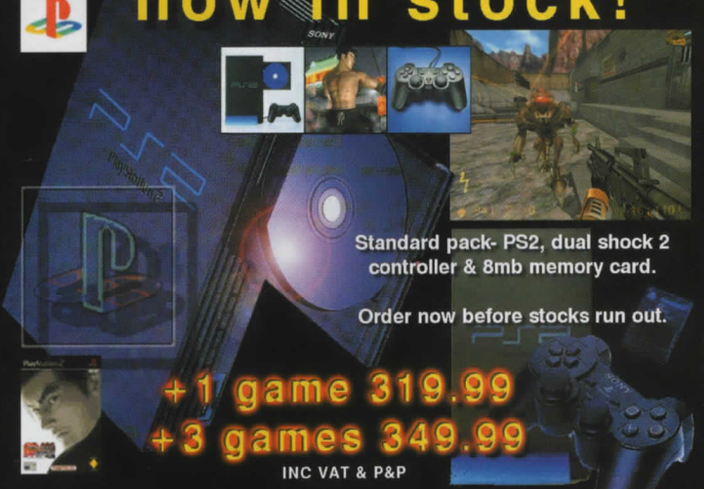

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NEWS

PARAPPA'S BACK!

First there was *PaRappa The Rapper*, then *Um Jammer Lammy*. This summer sees the release of a third game on PS2 in Japan. There will also be an animated series to accompany the game. More on the UK release soon.

WIN

THREE FAB RADIO CONTROLLED TAZ CARS AND FIVE COPIES OF LOONEY TUNES RACING UP FOR GRABS!!!

The top fellas who made *Looney Tunes Racing* have stumped up this fantastic prize for our MAX readers. The three winners can look forward to receiving one of these brilliant Taz radio-controlled cars (which they can then use to wind up the cat. We've tried it, it's a right laugh) and five runners-up will get a copy of *Looney Tunes Racing*. To be in with a chance of winning, all you have to do is answer the simple question below on a postcard and send it to the address printed.

So what are you waiting for? Send in your answers and cross your fingers and you could soon be the owner of a brand spanking new car (if we can bear to let go of them that is)...

Q. Where does Taz come from?
a) Littlehamptom b) Tasmania c) Stoke

Send your answers on a postcard to... **Gizza Taz Car,** PlayStation MAX, Future Publishing, 30 Monmouth Street, Bath. BA1 2BW • Check compo rules below

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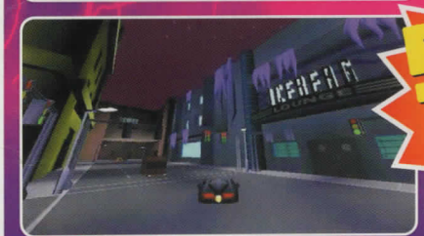

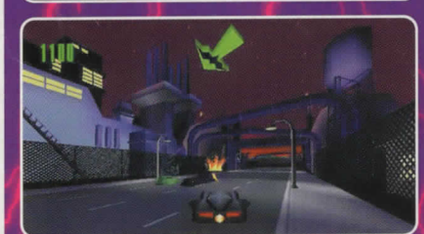

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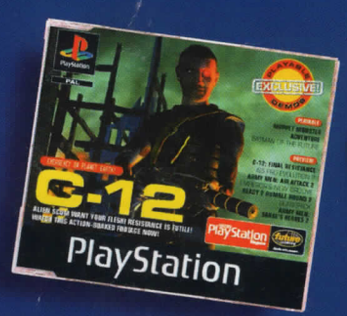

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Could it be true? There are people out there who don't love Lara or who think Final Fantasy IX is rubbish? You are an odd lot. Keep writing in!

LARA LOVERS: GET A LIFE

Most of us probably know at least one person who plays the *Tomb Raider* games, and most of us probably know someone who fancies Lara Croft. I have seen the way that people ogle and stare at her. Well, my message to the people that fantasise over her is, GET A LIFE, she is not real, she is just a fictitious character who appears in computer games.

■ ***Michael Addy, Stockport***

Picture: Allstar

You're quite right. A fixation on a pretend girl is sad, sad, sad. So it's great news that now the movie's coming, we'll have a sort of real Lara in the form of the lovely Angelina Jolie. Wahay! Oh, actually, we don't mean that. Girls? Yuk!

GOTTA LOVE CROYDON

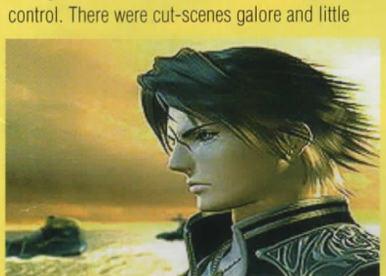
I think there should be an arcade game called Croydon's Tour. Most arcade games that I've played are pretty stupid, but the one that I'm thinking of is going to be the best!!! You can choose a car, or make a car, and choose a driver or make a driver, then start the game. Simple... but what do you do...? Let's just say you have a giant map around Croydon and follow it to get where you want. If you want to get into a house, get out of the car by pressing △, ring the doorbell by pressing □, punch whoever answers the door by pressing ○, then you have a fight with who you punched. The attacks can be like the ones in *Tekken*. If you get bored of this, you can go on a racing mode. The tracks will be as big as the ones in *Crash Team Racing*, and you can get mighty strong weapons. If you don't want arcade or racing, why not try seeing some blood and gore in the fighting mode? I guess it isn't an arcade game then... it's an arcade, fighting and racing game!! So what do you think of my idea for Croydon's Tour, then?

■ ***David Wilson, Croydon***

This is a, er, strange idea David. The beat-'em-up bits sound all right, but the driving around Croydon bit sounds well-odd. Why Croydon? Why not Nempnet Thrubwell? Please yourselves. It was just a thought.

FINAL DISAPPOINTMENT

So obsessed was I by *FFVII* and *FFVIII* that I couldn't wait for the UK release of *IX* and so ordered it on NTSC. What a waste of money! I flew through the four discs and felt I was hardly ever in control. There were cut-scenes galore and little



incentive to explore as there's nowt to find. I also find it strange that you collect birth stones all the way through but have no-one to give them

STAR LETTER

SOCCER JOCKS

I think there should be a PlayStation game called Scottish Football with every Scottish Football team. It should have highland league teams as well as the Premier league teams, First Division teams, Second Division teams and Third Division teams, and you could also make your own teams and football players.

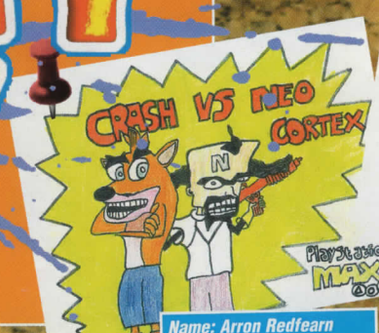
■ ***Craig Livingstone, Alva, Scotland***

WIN! A JOYTECH STEERING WHEEL!

It would go down well in Scotland, Craig, but how many English folk do you think would buy it? And harsh though it is, there simply aren't enough people in Scotland alone to justify making a game based just on Scottish footy. What they really ought to do is a game with all the English AND Scottish leagues (including both premiership leagues). They could also beef up the stats so that the Scottish teams aren't rubbish like they are in real life. NOOOOOO! We didn't write that, Max the Dog sneaked in and changed our reply. Anyway Craig, even though we don't think a Scottish footy game will come out, we think you're quite right to demand one. We hope a Star Letter prize makes up for the lack of North-of-the-border footy action on PS one.

ARTY PARTY

Thanks for yet more wonderful drawings from you lot out there. One thing – don't forget to put your name on them!



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to as the woman who bought them lives in Cleyra and this place is destroyed almost immediately. I'm on the final battle now but, well, I can't be arsed...

■ ***Nadina Cumiskey, Sheffield***

Oh dear. You're not a happy camper are you? It's odd because most people will say **FFIX***'s the best RPG ever. Our Simon reckons so. He even found it quite challenging, getting stuck quite a few times. Mind you he's getting old and losing it a bit. Still, maybe you're right. Maybe it is rubbish and the tens of thousands of people who love it are all idiots. That could be it.*

FOCUS PEOPLE!

Oh-oh! You guys have been making mistakes again! I was reading through the otherwise amazing magazine, the January issue, when I came across the 2001 and Beyond section. I was reading the PS2 2001 bit, when I cam across a screen-shot of *Gran Turismo 3*. In the caption it says, "Look at that Focus! Even Colin McRae would drool." Well, it's not a Focus,

but it is a Ford. It's an Escort world rally car! These are based on Escort Cosworths, which, by the way, cane the pants off Subaru Imprezas, so I think you should administer a sever beating to Simon for being wrong, and please get Max the Dog to drop a stonker on a big blue, gold-wheeled monstrosity known as a Subaru Impreza! Cheers.

■ ***Matthew Smith, Wolverhampton***

Yes, actually that IS a Focus but one that's had a full-body Escort modification kit put on it to make it look like a... Darn! All right. It's a mistake. On this occasion though, it was my minor, teensy-weensy error, not Simon's. But I'll beat him with a stick anyway. As for Max the Dog and the Impreza, nah, it's a smart car. Keep off, Max!

TEKKEN THE MICK?

Yesterday I was playing *Tekken 3* with my friends. While I was playing it, my friends said that there is a new character in *Tekken Tag Tournament* and the character's name is 'UNKNOWN'. Not that we don't know the name, but that's the actual name!!! And plus they said that in the future there is going to be a *Tekken* movie!!! Is this true or are they talking Real Poo???

■ ***Tahmina Yasmin, Southall***

There is a character called Unknown. She looks like Jun Kazuma. In fact she could actually be Jun Kazuma who has been possessed by the devil. As for a movie, there's already an animated movie of it and it's available on video. Unfortunately it's very hard to find so you'd better do a bit of Internet detective work. They ought to do a live action one, though, shouldn't they? It would be cool.

TONY HAWK'S POO!

I've recently played *Tony Hawk's 2*. I admit it is a good game, but the only thing rubbish in it is the two-player Graffiti mode. I think it's totally useless, because I was playing with my mate and it was 20-19 to me with six seconds to go and then it came up Red Steals TWICE!!! For heaven's sake, that shouldn't be allowed (curse *Tony Hawk's*). Do you agree with me MAX?

■ ***Jonathon Lynch, Co. Donegal***

There are two options here. Either you play against a friend who is not as good as you, or you get better at the game. It seems to us from the way you've described it that what's happened here is your friend has won fair and square (even though it was in the very last seconds of the game). Sort it out, mate!

DRAWING BY NUMBERS

In my room I have many posters, most of them are very cute boys. JTT, Justin 'N Sync, Hanson. The rest are from computer games. I have four *Final Fantasy VIII* posters, one from your mag. So what I'm trying to say is, as a follow on from your *FFVIII* walkthrough guide, you should have a *FFVIII* poster-mag free with next issue! Cool, no? And do you know what else would be cool? No? Of course you don't! (Kidding!) A 'how to draw' book with Spyro, Crash, Lara and Squall and Zell and Riona! 'Cos I can't blimmin' well draw them. They all look too real!

■ ***Steph Goodwin, Canterbury***

Well, FFVIII*'s a bit old now, so no more posters for that. But we do print posters every month. As for the How to Draw thing. Nice idea. But we don't like them 'cos they're always rubbish. Whenever we've*

Joke Corner

What's a teddy bear's favourite pasta?
Tagliateddy

Doctor, Doctor, I feel like a pack of cards!
I'll deal with you later.

How do mad people get through the forest?
They take the psycho path.

Can I have an ice cream please?
Do you want hundreds and thousands?
I'll start with one.

Dentist: Say aah
Patient: Why?
Dentist: My dog's just died.

QUICKFIRE QUESTIONS

We're all lined up and ready for your questions. So what are you waiting for? Quick! Fire away!

Q I was wondering what sort of animal Crash Bandicoot is. The reason is that I'm writing a book on *Crash Bandicoot* games.

■ ***David, Gt Yarmouth***

A You nearly got put in Talking Poo matey. But we couldn't be so mean. After all, hardly anyone had ever heard of this animal before the games came out, but Crash is, wait for it, a bandicoot. It's an Australian marsupial and looks a bit like a furry armadillo. A freak of nature if ever we saw one, but a cute one.

Q I think PlayStation MAX gets better with every issue. I was wondering if I should buy *LMA Manager 2001* or should I stick with *LMA Manager*. Please give me your advice.

■ ***Wayne Glover, Rediditch***

A The thing with management games is that you can play them forever because you just play them with different teams. So if you have *LMA* you don't really NEED *LMA 2001*. On the other hand, *LMA 2001* is the best management game yet, so if you fancy playing the best one there is, then get it in.

Q When's the new *Thunderbirds* game coming out?

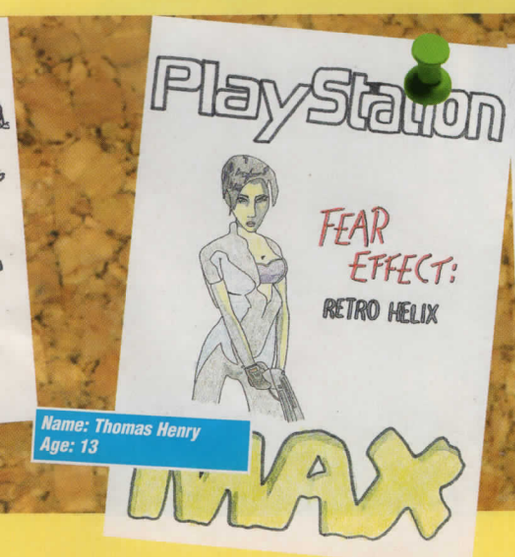
■ ***Rober and Russel Taylor, Grimsby***

A DISASTER! *Thunderbirds* is not coming out on PS one. But it is coming out on PS2 in the autumn.

Q Do you know if there is another *Spyro* game coming out, because *Spyro 3* is great. Will it be coming out on the PS one?

■ ***Joe Hall, Exmouth***

A We haven't heard of another Spyro game coming out. Certainly not for PS one. A PS2 game has yet to be confirmed.



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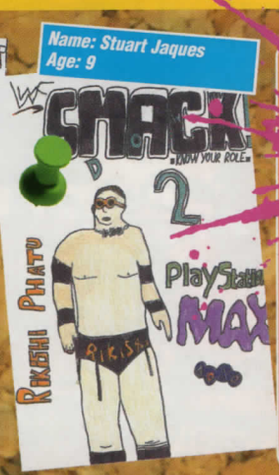

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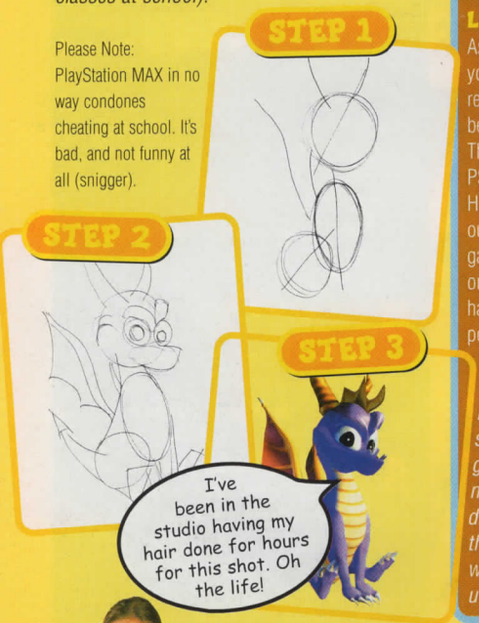
seen how to draw features you get Step 1: a load of circles, Step 2: a load of circles with some eyes on it, then Step 3: there's Mickey Mouse perfectly drawn by a professional artist. Plus, most game characters are 3D and done on computer so you can't draw them properly anyway. Our advice is to trace them and then lie about it (that's how we got through art classes at school).

Please Note: PlayStation MAX in no way condones cheating at school. It's bad, and not funny at all (snigger).



TALKING POO

LIES ALL LIES!

As a Playstation magazine, I would suspect you to know about the games coming out. In recent issues you told someone that there will be no *Smackdown* follow ups. Lies all lies. They are bringing out a *Smackdown* game for PS2. Also in your Feb issue you said that no Harry Potter games are known to be coming out. Lies again. EA have been developing the game for ages. So find out more information or you will lose respect, which you already have with me with that naff dog that goes and poos everywhere. It ain't funny, it's immature.

Brett Clayton

Phew, what a reek of poo. We never said there was no new Smackdown *game coming out. We said there are no more* Smackdowns *on PS one. PS2 is a different matter. As for Harry Potter, at the time, EA had not announced that it was doing it so we didn't want to spread unfounded rumours. Now bog off!*

ON THE COUCH

Dr Sal Adcream sorts out your problems (sort of)...

Dear Doctor

I am down in the dumps because of PlayStation 2. I've got a PC which plays ace games, I've got a DVD player which plays movies and my PC can also get on the Internet. Now I'm going to have to pay £300 for a PlayStation 2 because it's got a DVD player and Internet stuff in it.

Jack Richardson

So, you're complaining because you have a smart PC and a DVD player and now have to buy a PS2. HAVE to buy a PS2. You don't HAVE to do anything. Either you want a PS2 so much you stump up for one and be happy about it. Or you decide not to bother. Do you need us to decide for you? How about we come round there and wipe your spotty arse for you too, eh? EH?

IMPORTANT! The views of the Doctor are not necessarily those shared by the PlayStation MAX team.

INBOX

If sending letters is a bit old-fashioned for you, get online instead!

LOCATION: To The Max
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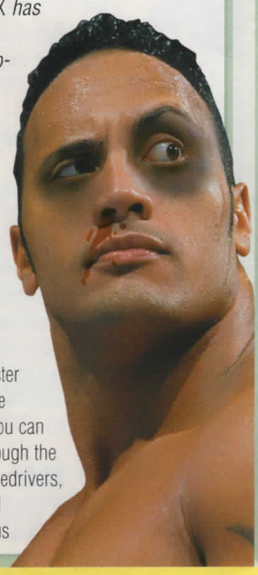
FROM: You guys

You are being really mean to *Final Fantasy IX*. You get confusing. *PSM* says it's the best RPG ever but only gave it 9 out of 10. PS MAX gave it a 98% but only a 2 page review and many more of your sister mags are shadowing *FFIX* with another feature like *Buzz Lightyear* or *C-12*. Sort this out or I shall come over there and spank your bottoms with newspapers.

Ben Smallman

P.S. Put me in Talking Poo and Die!!

We haven't been mean to FFIX. *You read the mag every month so you must know that we only give four pages to the game on our cover. And we did that for* FFIX *several issues ago so we decided not to give it another cover. We can't speak for the official magazine, but 9/10 is a big score. Maybe because* FFIX *is the third* FF *game on PS one they felt it wasn't ground-breaking enough to get a ten. Either way,* FFIX *has got big scores everywhere. No-one's been 'mean' to it.*



I think that in *Smackdown! 2* you should be able to climb up the titantron and the characters should be able to bleed. Also there should be dumpster matches and table matches where you can do any move through the tables not just piledrivers, rock bottoms and powerbombs. Plus in the hell in a cell matches there should be more panels up the top to put them through.

Sam Emmerton

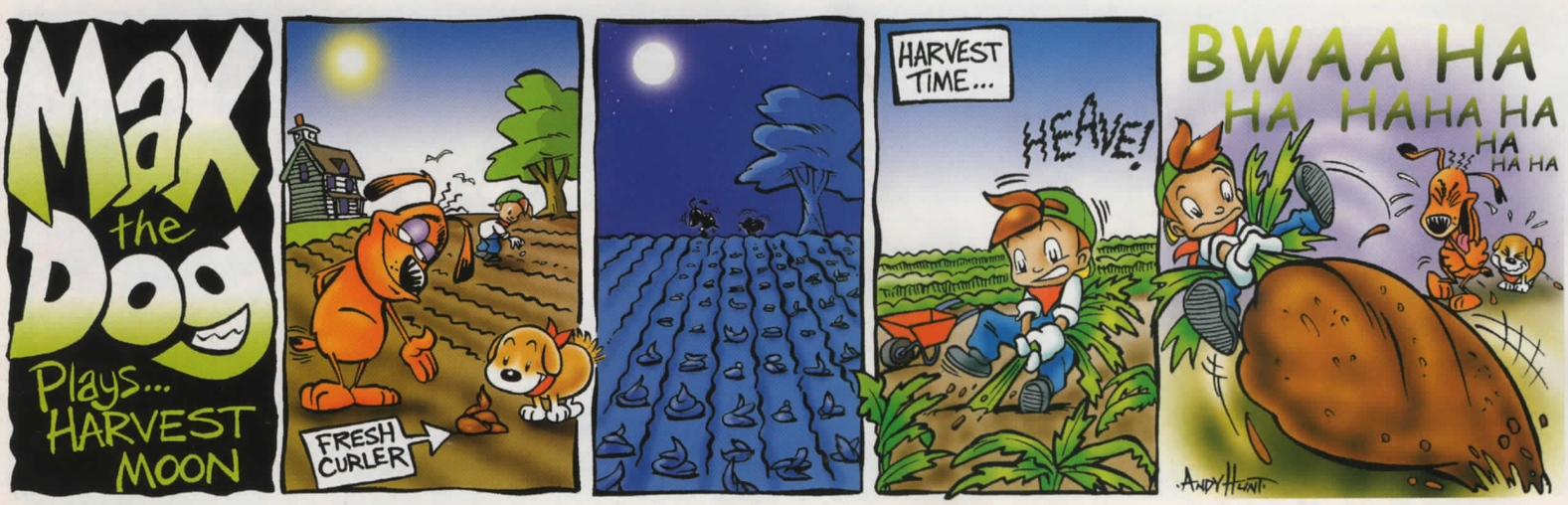
All good ideas Sam. Let's hope the game makers are reading this and put them into the next game. However, we're not too sure about making the fighters bleed. Sounds a bit too full-on. They'd have to put a rating on it and then a lot of gamers wouldn't be able to play it.

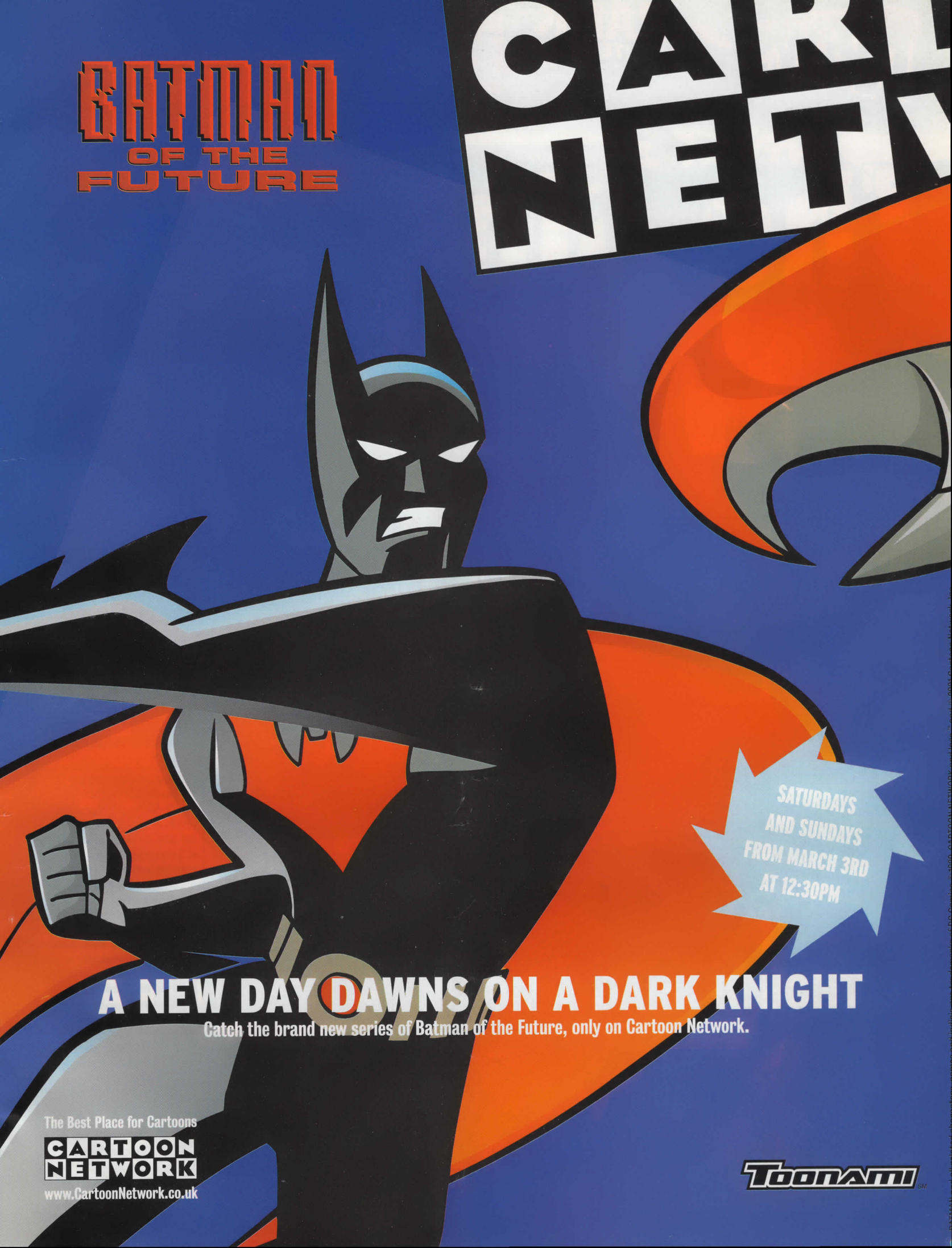
I am very upset that *Metal Gear Solid 2* is coming out on PS2 and not PS one. It is so unfair. *Metal Gear* is the best game for PS one and *Metal Gear Solid 2* should be on PS one.

It is not right that all the next copies for the original games for PS one will be released on PS2. I'm very sorry to bother you but I am really upset. Please help!!!

Donna Bibby

It's a tricky one this. It's a shame, yes, but what happens is that game makers will want to take the games to the next level and they can only do that with the power of PS2. Games like Metal Gear 2, Resi 4 *and (we hope) the next* Tomb Raider *will do new tricks that aren't possible on older machines. If you've been playing PlayStation games for years and have finished all the* Resi Evil *and* Tomb Raider *games, you will see less coming out for you and it might be time to move on. But imagine if you just got your PS one. You'll now be able to enjoy* MGS, *five* Tomb Raiders, *three* Resis, Syphon FIlter, *two* GTs, *and none of them will cost much more than £20.*

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Here's a run down of our fave *Simpsons* wrestlers.

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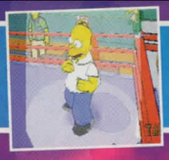
The slightly dodgy shop owner fights surprisingly well. Watch those slapping hands.



◀ HOMER SIMPSON
Not the best fighter, but that gut has to count for a lot. Plus he's the best Simpson.

The Simpsons Wrestling

PREVIEW

Out in April

Yellow Peril

There are eight different characters to choose to fight as. So, do you fancy getting in the ring as Barney, Krusty, Apu, Groundskeeper Willie, Homer, Lisa, Marge or Bart? And remember, there are four hidden characters to unlock too!

▲ *Choose your fighter and get ready to pummel your foe!*

▲ *See Homer practise his moves and perform his pre-fight ritual.*

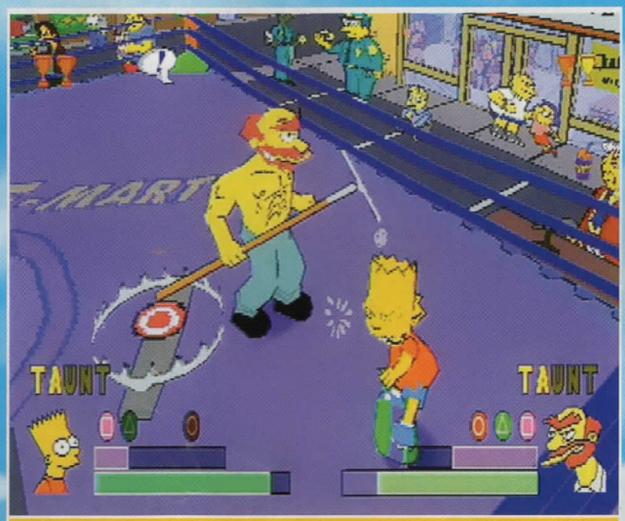
Get in the ring and fight for the good name of Springfield! Or you could just mess about, of course...

Some would say that the wheel is man's greatest invention, and if you're after something on which to stick the frame of your bike, then they're probably right. But, there's a problem with this idea, because if you want something to light a fire with, then a wheel isn't worth the hill it's rolled down.

No, we reckon that mixing things is man's best invention. Really, mixing two things that are brilliant to make one huge truly amazing thing is a gift that could only have come from the mind of a true genius.

Imagine if someone were to blend, say, pizza with a Ferrari. Just think, you'd have a hot and tasty crunchy treat but on four wheels, with a sleek design, leather seats and a style that would make the ladies swoon! You'd be so happy with this top of the range pepperoni motor, that a trip to the portrait photographer would be a must, just so he could record the throbbing smile plastered all over your face.

Hopefully that smile's going to hold firm once you've played *The Simpsons Wrestling* too, a game that combines two things which are truly brilliant – *The Simpsons* and professional wrestling. Woohoo!



▲ *Keep an eye on the different energy bars at the bottom of the screen if you want to see just how your fighter is doing in the bout.*

▲ *We reckon that Homer could beat up The Rock any day of the week. Well, certainly at weekends anyway.*

Aye Caramba!

Just imagine being able to body slam Homer's fat belly onto the canvas. Think about how cool it would be to shut Bart's loud mouth with a big yellow fist. Laugh at how brilliant it would be to break Milhouse's glasses. OK, so you won't be able to do the last of these three in *The Simpsons Wrestling*, (after all, breaking people's glasses is not very nice) but virtually anything else goes. Cowabunga!

As you'd expect from any *Simpsons* game, things can get pretty manic – especially ▶

▲ *Bart's a terror on his skateboard. He's knocked Willie for six!*

▲ *"Why you little...!" This is Homer's chance to really get Bart.*

If Only...

There are loads of cool characters in *The Simpsons*, and of course, not all of them made it into the ring. So we've taken some of our favourite characters from the cartoon series and given them our own very special moves.

COMIC SHOP GUY
Fighting style: Sumo
Special move: Throwing Radioactive-man cards

DR NICK RIVIERA
Fighting style: All over the place
Special move: Clumsy heart surgery

SUPERINTENDENT CHALMERS
Fighting style: Kung Fu
Special move: The school inspection

▲ *There are loads of different power-ups to pick up while playing.*

▲ *Can you pin Krusty to the canvas and take the championship belt?!*

THE SIMPSONS WRESTLING

Gaarrk! I only asked him what a Scottish man wears under his kilt... D'oh!

I'll play ye like I play the bagpipes, Matey.

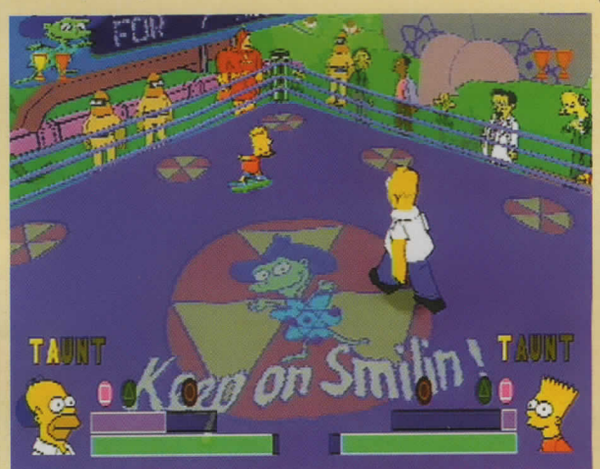
"I am the champion! I am evil Homer! I am evil Homer!"

Homer and Apu decide to take a little nap before the next round.

The characters around the ring will provide plenty of comedy moments and give you loads of grief while you're fighting too.

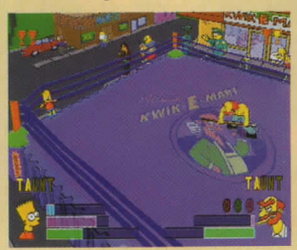
Springfield Ring

There are loads of different places for you to test out your wrestling skills, and fans of the cartoon will recognise most of them instantly. Here are just a few of the backdrops you'll see along the way: Moe's Tavern, the nuclear power plant, the Krusty arena and the Bowlarama.



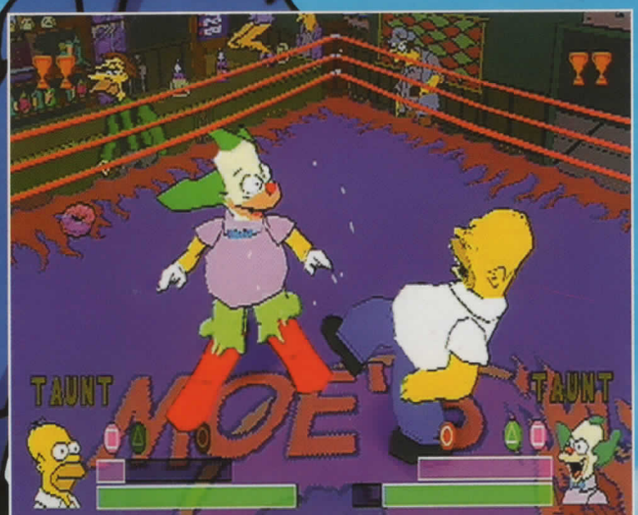
It's family member against family member in a big battle royale!

We're pretty sure that Patty and Selma want Homer to lose the fight!



You can even do moves off the ropes just like in the WWF.

> "From the Springfielders that gather around the ring and shout out their cheeky comments to the silly commentary from news man Kent Brockman, it's all here."



Smacking him clean in the chops may well be the best way to shut up Krusty and stop him from making all those really dodgy jokes.

Please, somebody stop Lisa from playing that pesky saxophone!

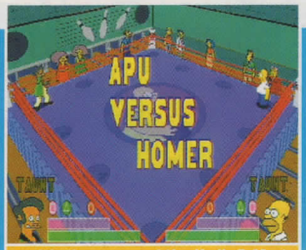
There are loads of different arenas to scrap about in.

More Rank Contenders

Here's a run down of our fave *Simpsons* wrestlers.

◀ **BART SIMPSON**
Let's hope the coolest cartoon kid ever doesn't force us to literally eat his shorts.

◀ **GROUNDSKEEPER WILLIE**
Possibly the funniest character. He uses his rake to brilliant effect!



▲ *It's the owner of the Kwik-E-Mart verses its best customer.*

▲ *Could it be the smell that has made Homer fall on the floor?*

▲ *The people that are strolling around in the background just go about their daily business, depending on which background you're playing on of course.*

▶ when you add all the silly stuff that you usually see in wrestling matches. From the Springfielders that gather around the ring and shout out their cheeky comments while you wrestle to the silly commentary from news man Kent Brockman, the madness is all here.

It all starts off so simply too – all you have to do is choose your favourite character and choose whether to beat up the computer or one of your mates, and then get in the ring. The rules are that you need to pin your opponent to the canvas in a WWF 1-2-3 stylee, and that's it!

Eat Some Shorts

But behind all that simplicity is a whole load of funny secrets and surprises, such as the different power-ups that will help your cause, or the special moves that some of the characters do – Marge will even call Maggie to come and bite your legs as her special move! That's not a very good example to set for a youngster now, is it?!

We're not quite sure what to think of *The Simpsons Wrestling* at the moment. We had loads of fun playing the early version that we had, and there was many a chuckle as the characters all did and said their own silly things. But when you think of it as a wrestling game, then it's going to have to be something really amazing to take the championship belt from *WWF Smackdown! 2*.

So, will it eat shorts, or will it have a cow man? Our full review will tell you! ■

▲ *Collect all the letters to become invincible!*

Move It!

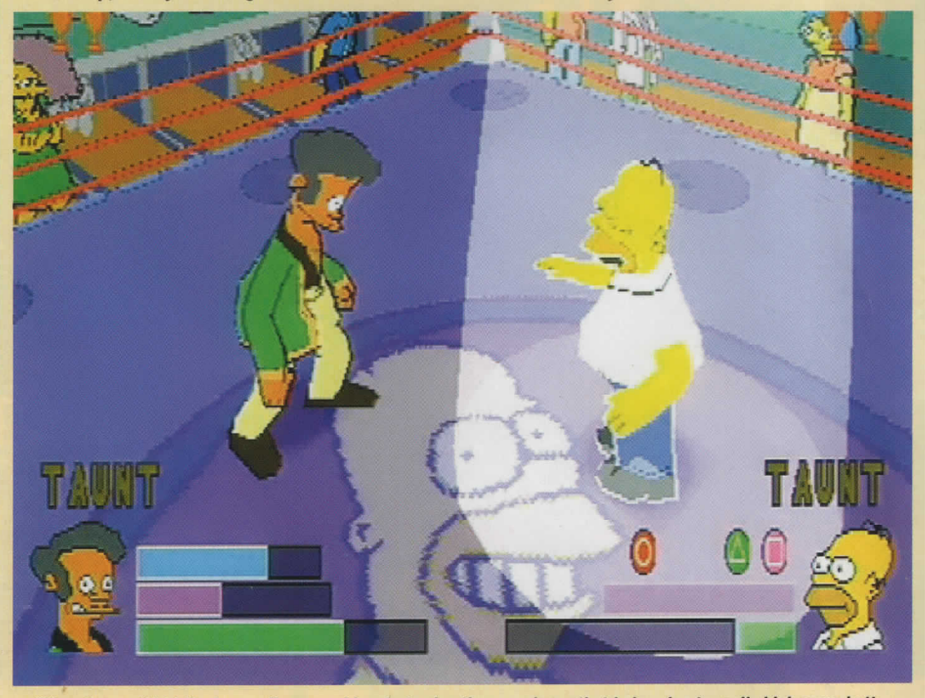
The special moves in the game make things really interesting. The Bumblebee man calls his dog to come and bite your bottom, and Barney gets you with one of his killer burps!

▲ *Be warned, the enemy can throw things at you. Splat!*

▲ *Don't let Willie hit you with his big rake! It'll really hurt!*

Invincible!

Every time you knock an opponent down, a speech bubble appears in the ring. If you pick this up, then you'll be given a letter of the word TAUNT. If you manage to collect all the letters, then all you have to do is press a button and for a while you'll be invulnerable!



▲ *When the spotlight flashes on Homer and he starts shouting, you know that he's going to really kick some butt.*

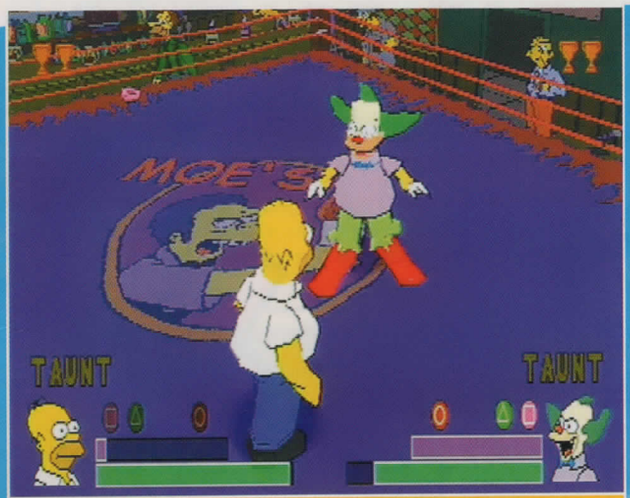
▲ *Bart may be just a little boy who always wears the same clothes, but he can pack a mean punch and take on even the toughest of competitors.*

▲ *Throttle the boy Homer, get him!*

▲ *Apu can fly! It must be magic!*

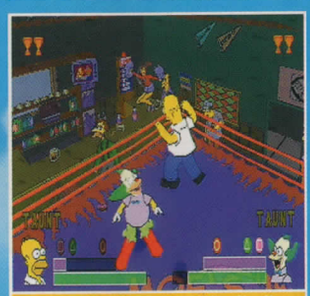
> "Marge will even call Maggie to come and bite your legs as her special move! That's not a good example to set a youngster, is it!?"

THE SIMPSONS WRESTLING



▲ Moe thought that putting a wrestling ring in his tavern would attract a few more customers. It seems to have worked.

▲ Willie and Bart go shoulder to shoulder outside the Kwik-E-Mart.



▲ "Eat this Clown Feet!" yells dive-bombing Homer.

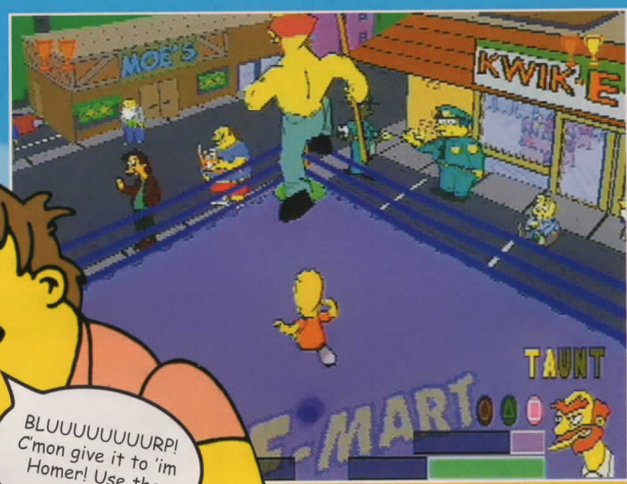
▲ Finally! Homer wins a bout and proves to all of Springfield that he isn't a loser after all. At least, that's his rather dodgy version of events.

Power Up!

Who would have thought that eating donuts would be good for you? Well it is in *The Simpsons Wrestling*, because if you eat one of the donuts or other power-ups that are dotted around the ring, then you get bonus surprises like more health or more power. Sweet.

▲ When full of donuts, Homer's a good match for anyone.

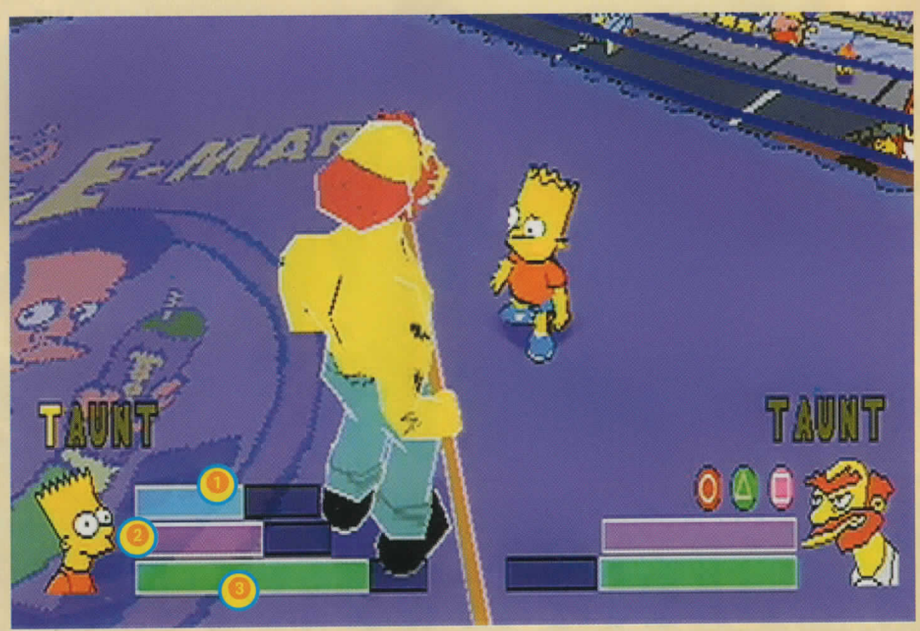
Ay, who is this chimpanzee in the ring? Es Homer Simpson! Es no beuno. I'm much better than heem! I will give him good Spanish kicking!
BLUUUUUUUURP! C'mon give it to 'im Homer! Use the Duff!



▲ Even Chief Wiggum watches the fights without so much as a care.

Bartastico!

Unlike other wrestling games, *The Simpsons Wrestling* has three energy bars on the screen. 1 The bottom one is your main energy. When this goes, you can be pinned to the canvas easily. 2 The middle bar is your attacking energy and shows how much power you can put into your moves, and 3 the top bar is the special moves bar. Build this up to use your big moves!



▲ "Wohoo! I'm flying!" Shouts Homer while he's high in the air!

▲ Hurrah for nuclear power! Or at least, that's what it says here.

▲ Finally, Bart gets to smack Homer's bottom nice and hard.

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Special Features:
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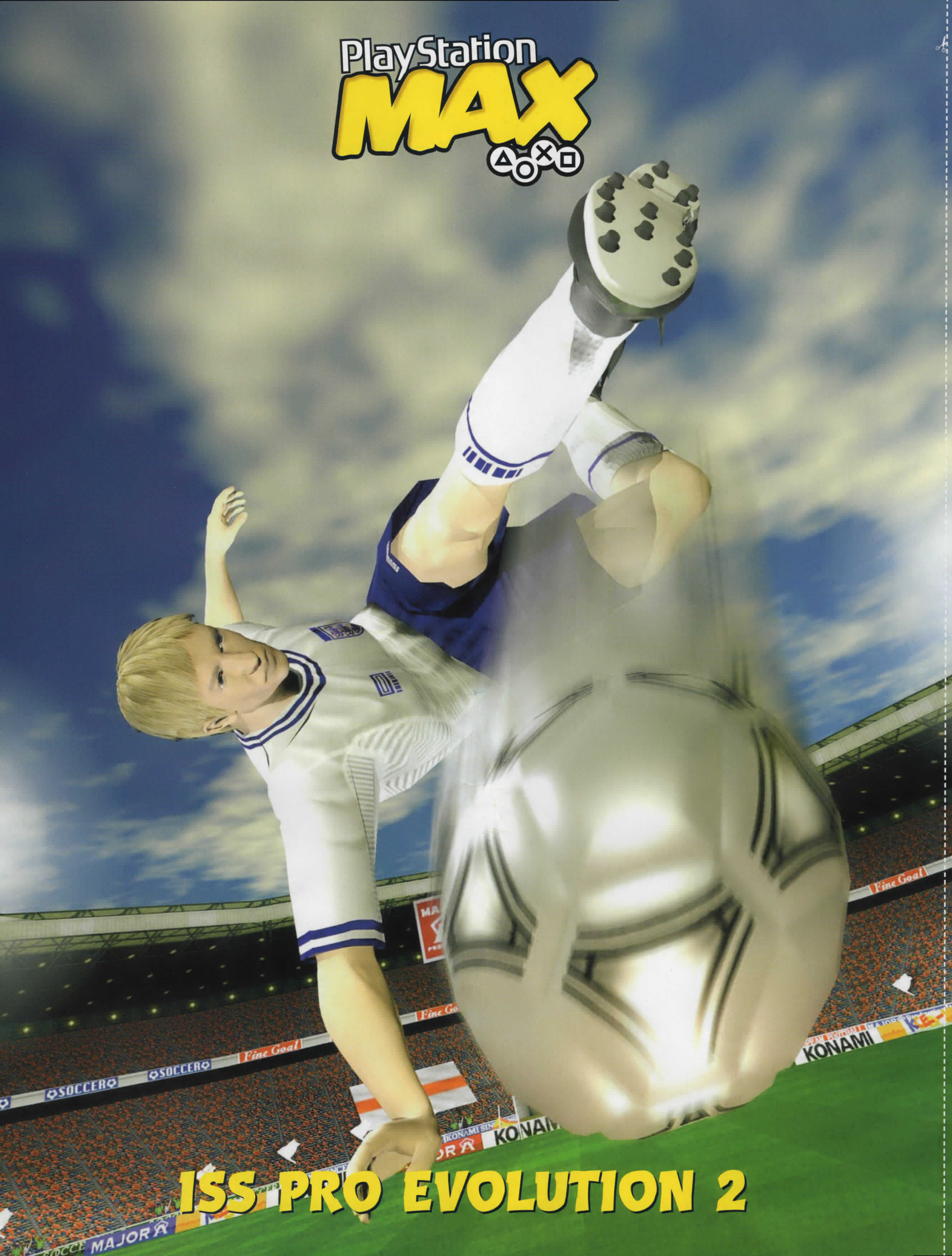

ISS PRO EVOLUTION 2

PlayStation MAX2

WELCOME

We've heard some people moaning about the games on PS2 lately. But one look at this month's reviews will tell the real story. All of them get pretty decent scores. And that's not because we are weak. No, crap games can expect no mercy from us. But the truth is, there are good games coming through now. Lots of them. We've had a brilliant time on our PS2 this month, as you'll find out as you read our best MAX2 section yet. Have fun! **Simon**

THE BOUNCER

A beat-'em-up's a beat-'em-up right? Not when the people behind Final Fantasy are making it, it's not!

Beat-'em-ups. They're not exactly original are they? Just two lumps of muscle thrashing each other all over an arena and that's about it. Make way then for *The Bouncer* – the PS2 game that could well change the way beat-'em-ups are made.

First surprise is that there's a proper story to it, and not just some flimsy excuse for a tournament either. It's evening in the trashy, deserted Fate Bar, and a young woman, Dominique Cross, is talking to her friends, (Sion, Volt and Kou) the three bouncers who work there. Suddenly a group of winged cyborgs invade the place and kidnap Dominique. It's up to you, switching between her three friends, to find out where she is and rescue her. And you can be sure that there'll be a whole fistful of martial arts action to get stuck into.

The Bouncer looks fantastic with some of the best graphics we've seen for a long time and environments that you can roam around freely, even in the middle of a fight! Add to this experience points that can be used to buy special moves and a good story to back up the gameplay, and there's never been a better reason to keep on fighting. (On the PS2 that is!) *The Bouncer* is out in March so there's not long to wait. And when the Fate Bar opens its doors for business, we'll be on the top of the guest list to get you the first review. ■

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This WILL be the greatest footy game ever made.

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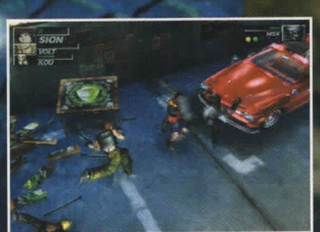
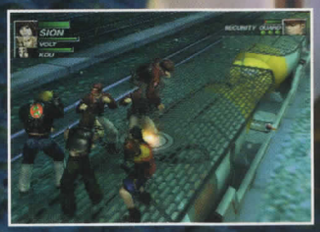


▲ *A ruck has broken out. Time to use your, er, bouncer-ing skills.*

▲ *Three against one? No problem for a hard guy like you. Let 'em have it.*

▲ *This bendy lass is actually a bad guy (sorry girl). Beat her up with haste.*

▲ *Your band of bouncers are as hard as nails. You should have little trouble.*



▲ *The train-top fight is spectacular. You can't fall off though.*

PS2

PS2 EXTRA

• Not content with lining up *Final Fantasy X* and *XI* for the PS2, Square, the makers, have announced that they'll be making new and improved versions of *VII*, *VIII* and *IX*! It has also been announced that *FF XI* will be an online game only, making use of the PS2's Internet potential.

• Good news for Lara fans. When the upcoming *Tomb Raider Movie* makes it onto DVD it will include a hidden code that will unlock special levels in the PS2 game. Better still, the game will include a code to unlock special features on the DVD!... ▶

Klonoa 2: Lunatea's Veil

Crash and Rayman meet Klonoa – he's one cool cat!

Just in case you didn't get acquainted during his first platform adventure on PS one, Klonoa is a cute, cartoon moggy with huge ears, red boots and a backwards baseball cap. He's also the star of the PS2 sequel that puts the 2D moggy slap bang in the middle of a spankingly gorgeous 3D fantasy world.

After some fantastic 3D titles like *Rayman Revolution*, we weren't exactly holding our breath to see this old school, left to right platformer, but after a few minutes playing it we were hooked.

You may not be able to roam anywhere you want in *Lunatea's Veil*, but with the camera angle following Klonoa's progress everywhere as he negotiates all sorts of obstacles, you'll never be left wishing the game had more depth.

BUZZ FACTOR 3/5

The story sees Klonoa helping the people of a land called (you guessed it) Lunatea find a mystical bell that threatens the harmony of the colourful, crazy world. There's still quite a lot to be done before *Klonoa* bounds onto the PS2, but we couldn't resist letting this particular cat out of the bag. ■

▲ *Lunatea looks like medieval Bavaria.*

FIRST LOOK

▲ *The looks are cartoony, but 3D!*

▲ *This guy looks like a giant Smartie.*

▲ *What a strange world to live in.*

▲ *ISS gameplay with looks like this? GIVE IT TO US NOOOW!!!*

ISS Pro Evolution 2

Will the real ISS please stand up!

If like us, you thought that *ISS* on PS2 was (bizarrely) not as good as *ISS Evolution* on the PS one, you'll be glad to hear that the mystery has been solved.

Although both games were made by the same company, the team that made the PS2 *ISS* weren't the ones who'd made *Evolution*. They were the bods behind the N64 *ISS* games which have always been a bit, well, different.

FIRST LOOK

It's with a big sigh of relief that we can reveal, *ISS Pro Evolution 2* is on its way to the PS2 and this time it's the proper son of that blistering PS one footy fest. The game's not even kicked off in Japan, but you can be sure that when it hits the UK it'll be the best *ISS* yet! ■

BUZZ FACTOR 5/5

▲ *Can this really be in-game?*

▲ *The refs are still a bit strict.*

NBA Hoopz

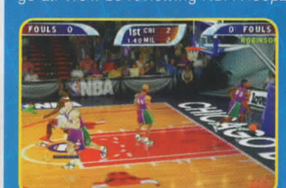
Mental basketball comes to PS2...

BUZZ FACTOR 3/5

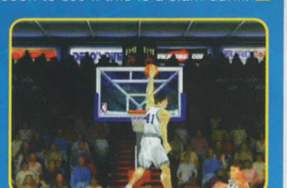
Now, we know that basketball isn't nearly as popular in the UK as it is in the US, but after playing this game we're beginning to wonder why. It's kickin'!

FIRST LOOK

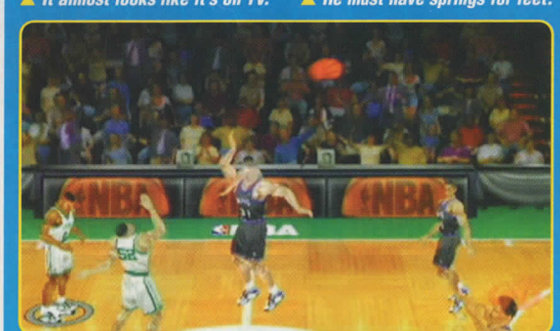
The best thing about *NBA Hoopz* is that it's as much fun to play if you've never even seen a basketball as it is if you've been playing the game your whole life. With only three players per team it's easy to get the hang of the controls, and when you've got those down, there are some killer sub-games to have a go at. We'll be reviewing *NBA Hoopz* soon to see if this is a slam dunk. ■



▲ *It almost looks like it's on TV.*



▲ *He must have springs for feet.*



▲ *No wonder basketball is so popular in America, this looks ace!*

▲ *"I've got my sights on you, Mister!"*

WinBack

Watch your back Solid Snake!

Although we'd never admit to playing other consoles, we know a good game when we see it. *WinBack* was a great third-person action adventure on the N64 that had just enough *MGS* stealth to add some extra oomph to the gameplay.

FIRST LOOK

Now *WinBack* is defecting to the PS2 (like all good games should) and it's bringing some extras along for the ride. The graphics on the PS2's version kick the N64's into the middle of next week, with nine times more polygons, and there should be some new multi-player modes to add to the fun.

We were impressed with the size of the characters and the ability to peek around corners for sneaky shots. But will it make a good PS2 game? Stay tuned to find out. ■

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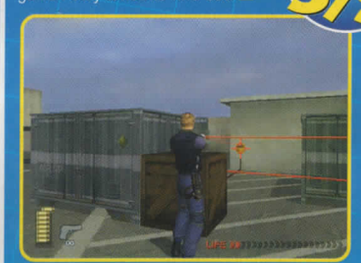
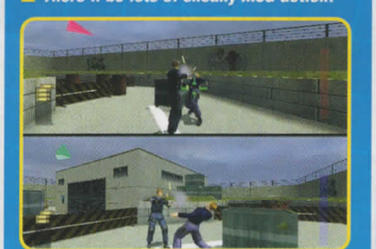
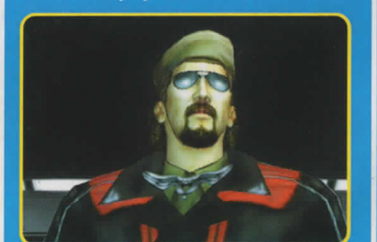


▲ *There'll be lots of sneaky* **MSG** *action.*



▲ *The multi-player modes should be ace.*



▲ *Never mess with a guy in shades.*

▶ Who'd have thought it? Sega has decided to make software for PS2! The Japanese company is going to concentrate on making games for other machines. If that means games like *Crazy Taxi* and *Jet Grind Radio* turn up on the PS2, that can only be a good thing. Yes please!

GAME INFO | PUBLISHER ....Infogrames | PRICE .....£39.99 | PLAYERS .....One to four

UNREAL TOURNAMENT

Gang up with your mates for a shoot-'em-up showdown!

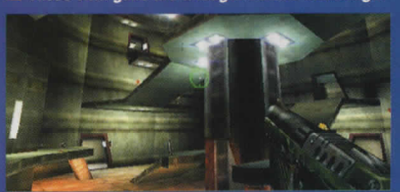
Although we'd never support violence in real life, when it's part of an over the top shoot-'em-up on the PS2 like this it can be a lot of fun. Especially when you get your friends 'round for a friendly, four-player deathmatch!

Those of you with PCs may have heard of *Unreal Tournament*, but for the rest of you, the basic idea behind it is simple. Choose an arena (from a deserted factory to a Viking ship) and then run around it trying to shoot the other people before they shoot you. Whoever defeats the most people in a certain time wins the tournament. Every arena has its own special weapons and you can either play against the PS2's enemy 'bots, or against your mates. You can even cooperate with your friends and take on the PS2!

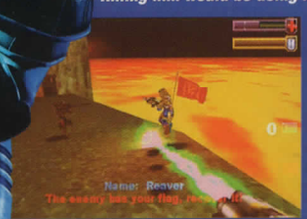
UT is stuffed full of unlockable levels, characters and modes including Capture the Flag and the team based Domination. In this last one you lead your virtual team-mates around an arena trying to mark three control points with your team's colour. It ain't easy but it's a lot of fun and means you've really got to use your noodle to win. If you liked *Quake II* on the PS one, you'll love *Unreal Tournament*. It's fast, it's furious. In short, it's a blast! ■

▲ This chap's name is Guardian. He's very ugly. Killing him would be doing him a favour.

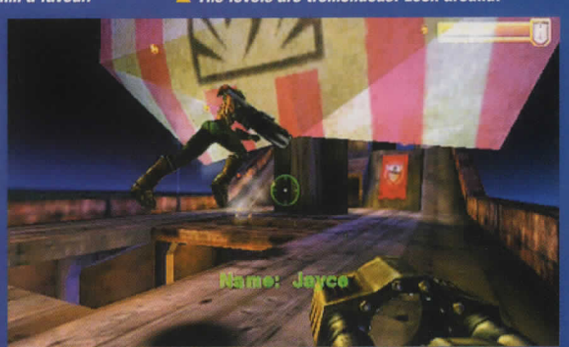
▲ These twin guns are a laugh. Double blammage!



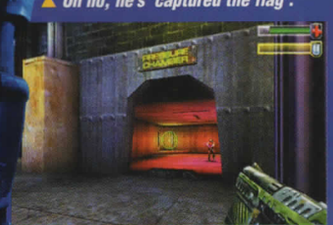
▲ The levels are tremendous. Look around.



▲ Oh no, he's 'captured the flag'.



▲ Quick, let fly with your gun before the blighter gets away again.



▲ Use the crosshair for more accuracy.

Looks:	3/5	Gameplay:	4/5	OVERALL: 90%
Sound:	4/5	Lifespan:	4/5	

GAME INFO | PUBLISHER.....EA | PRICE .....£39.99 | PLAYERS .....One

▲ You control the hero, Ash...

▲ ... and give out orders too.

X-SQUAD

Now you can show 'em who's boss.

X-Squad is a must for anyone who's ever wanted to boss other people around. In this 3D shooter you play Ash, the leader of the secret paramilitary group that has been called to end a dangerous hostage situation.

To be honest there isn't really much of a story, and playing the game really boils down to a lot of door unlocking followed by frantic bouts of terrorist nobbling. But where *X-Squad* tries to be different is by giving you control of a team. As the leader you can order the three other squad members to do various things to help you complete the mission.

It's a great idea that works pretty well, especially when you're all taking on the bad guys with weapons blazing. But all the same, you never really feel that the game would be unbeatable if Ash were on his own. You may wish you could order your squad out to fetch a pizza and a video. ■

Looks:	3/5	Gameplay:	2/5	OVERALL: 68%
Sound:	3/5	Lifespan:	3/5	

GAME INFO | PUBLISHER.....Rockstar | PRICE .....£39.99 | PLAYERS .....One

ONI

There's a new heroine in town...

▲ Konoko practises her ballet.

After years of being the queen of action adventure, it looks like Lara has some serious competition. Konoko is her name, and this purple haired one woman army has moves that make Lara look like she's stuck to the floor!

The year is 2032 and Konoko is part of the Tech Crimes Task Force hunting down a criminal organisation called the Syndicate. *Oni* has a great story with some amazing twists, but most of all it has buckets and buckets of freshly squeezed action.

Konoko can use some amazing weapons including something called the Scram Cannon. But even better, she can fight her enemies with brilliant beat-'em-up style martial arts. *Oni* is a top game that'll keep you busy. Lara, there's a new girl in town. ■

▲ Look out for lots of clues.

▲ Tons of levels'll keep you going.

Looks:	4/5	Gameplay:	3/5	OVERALL: 89%
Sound:	4/5	Lifespan:	3/5	

ALSO RELEASED

DYNASTY WARRIORS

Go back in time and lead an army in ancient China with this slashtastic sword swinging game. With up to 40 soldiers fighting it out on screen at any moment, this is action with a capital 'A'. Just don't get lost in the crowd or you could end up with a nasty cut.

SCORE 89%

TG DARE DEVIL

This game double dares you to race around cities driving like a loony toon to collect coins and impress your mates in the Dare Devil Club. This is a lot of fun and brings something new to a garage stuffed full with unimaginative racing games. Top Gear!

SCORE 75%

SUMMONER

Summoner is a huge RPG with more magic, monsters and fiendish traps than you can shake a particularly large wand at. This has a great story and lots of surprises with a hero who can call on demons to help him in battle. *Final Fantasy* fans will love it.

SCORE 86%

WRITE TO US

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MAX TACTICS

More top tippage from the land of PS2. And it's all yours for the taking!

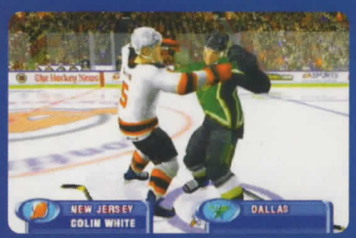
THEME PARK WORLD

Here are some super codes for you to have the most fun at *Theme Park World*. They're hard on the fingers but the effort is worth it!

Free Purchases
Enter the following code eight times:
←, ↓, ⊗, ◎

Golden Ticket Bonanza
Enter the following code four times:
↑, ↓, ←, →, ◎, →, ←, ↓, ↑, ◎

All Items in Park Researched
Enter the following code eight times:
↑, ↓, ↑, ↓, ←, ↑, ↓, ↑



NHL 2001

Remove the Opposition's Goalie
Press START during a game to pause, select Controller Setup and then choose the opposing team. Go into their team menu, change the status of the goalie to "Pull" then press START. Wait for moment, press START again and return to Controller Setup, but this time select your own team's menu. Once there press START for a last time and the opposition goalie will have disappeared!

SMUGGLERS RUN

Invisibility
R1, L1 x2, R2, L1 x2, L2
Your car's there, but all you see are the tyre tracks!

Speed Up Time
R1, L1, L2, R2, → x3
How good are your reflexes?

Slow Down Time
R2, L2, L1, R1, ← x3
Play the game in slo-mo.

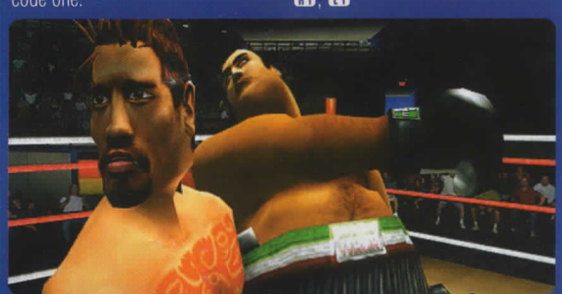
Lighter Car
L1, R1 x2, L2, R2 x2
You'll be leaping rivers before too long as you car weighs next to nothing.

No Gravity
R1, R2, R1, R2, ↑ x3
This is the best! All the other cars have nothing keeping them on the road. Bash into them and they'll fly off into the sky. Quite mad!

READY 2 RUMBLE ROUND 2

As well as the regular boxers in this knockout boxing game there are some extra characters hiding in the background. All you have to do is enter these codes in the character selection screen. If you've got it right you'll hear a bell. Seconds out, code one.

Thin boxer: →x2, ↑, ↓, →, R1, L1
Fat boxer: → x ↓, ↑, ↓, →, R1 x2, L1
Undead boxer: ←, ↑, →, ↓, R1 x2, L1
Big gloves: ←, →, ↑, ↓, R1, L1



SUMMONER

Hidden FMV Sequence or "Where are the Cheetos?"
Ever wondered what game characters do when you're not playing? Now you can see for yourself with this very funny, secret movie, hidden away in the credits of *Summoner*. To reach it, select Credits from the menu and then press ⊗. All games should have one of these.

Q&A

If you have PS2 questions for Simon, send 'em in. His brain's the size of a small moon making him clever, but ugly.

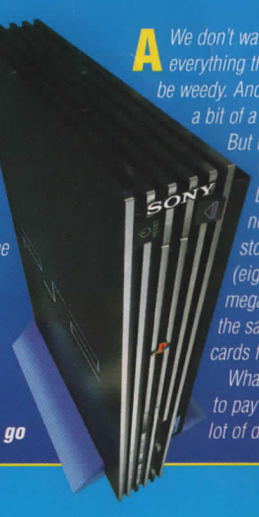
Q When are we going to be able to access the Internet using our PlayStation 2s? It's been talked about a lot but nothing has happened.
■ Jez Badham

A It's going to be some time yet. But remember, PS one has been around for over five years now so you'll see lots of developments on PS2 in the future. The good news is that Sega are now working with Sony and they already have a console that works on the Internet (the Dreamcast) so we can only hope that their expertise will help Sony get online gaming up and running sooner rather than later.

Q *Will my old PS one mouse work on PS2? Or will I have to fork out for a new one?*
■ Michael Moorhead

A *The bad news is that you can't use your old mouse. The good news is that PS2 mice (mice or mouses?) are now available. They differ from the old devices because they connect to the machine using the USB connector.*

Q *It's a disgrace that PS one memory cards don't work on PS2. The new ones cost nearly £30 which is astronomical. I don't want to go off on one but surely this is a case of Sony just trying to cash in from the people who have bought into PS2 straight away and clearly have a bit of cash to spend?*
■ Stuart Palmer



A *We don't want to say "Sony are great and everything they do is fine" becuase it would be weedy. And we think the memory cards are a bit of a stinger too.*

But then you can look at it another way. The PS2 memory card can be picked up for around £25 now and yet it has eight times the storage space of PS one cards (eight megabytes compared to one megabyte). If the value was exactly the same you'd be able to buy PS one cards for £3.12p.

What we would say is that it is a lot to pay out in one go, but they hold a lot of data.

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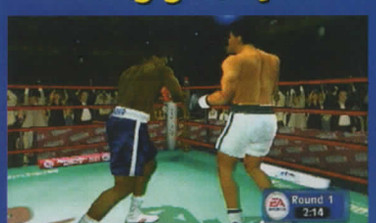
KNOCKOUT KINGS 2001

Check out our review of the most realistic boxing game yet.



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GAME INFO

Publisher: Sony 0207 447 1600

Price..... £29.99

Player..... One to two

On Sale..... Now

WHAT IT WORKS WITH

MEMORY CARD | DUAL SHOCK | LIGHT GUN

POINT BLANK 3

In the words of Dr Dre, "All I ever seem to hear is Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!"

Ever feel like you've got too much anger and want to get it all out of your system without actually hurting anyone? Well, this could be what you need. A few short bursts on any of the *Point Blank* series are sure to get your itchy trigger finger sore from delight and calm you down!

Point Blank 3 doesn't move a micrometre away from the older two. Almost exactly the same stuff is on offer. Get in there and all you've got to do is choose from the screen which marksman-skilled mini-game you want to play. Get the set amount of points and you win that game! Climb up the ladder of challenges until the final round. Rack up as many points as you can to get a decent grade. (Simon usually gets a grade 'A', but Max the Dog's no good. He can't hold the lightgun too well with his paws. But he gets a bull's-eye with his poos every time.) And have your name placed on the score board for your mates to try to beat!

Now that may sound a teeny bit dull, but if you've ever played *Point Blank* then you know that each of the games is a brilliant test of skill. There's so much variety to the games that it feels like you're being fed a fat flow of gun-games like sweets from the Pick 'n' Mix, until you're too sick to eat any more! ■

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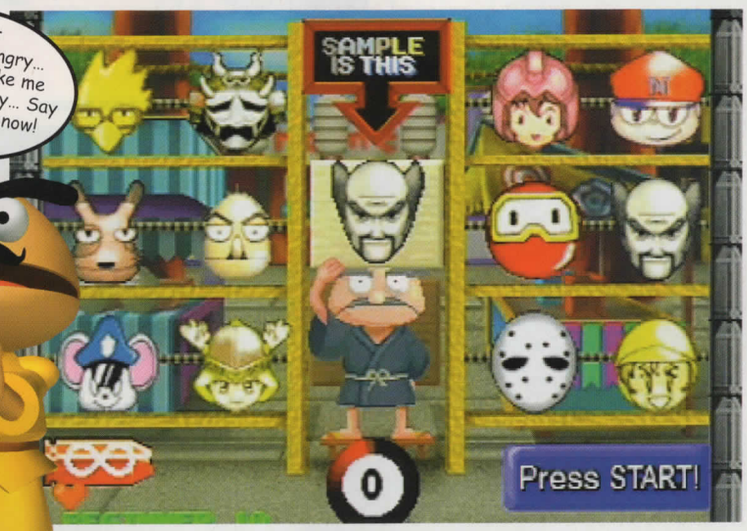
▲ Urgh! Japanese paper fans – shoot 'em!

Game Faves

One of our fave games is the one where you have to shoot the object which matches the one shown in the middle. Here, the objects are the heads of a whole host of characters from lots of other games. Look! There's Heihachi from *Tekken*!

▲ Stop them mozzies from eating his blood! Those pesks!

▲ Stop the train. Stop the train! STOP THE TRAIN!



▲ Can you name all the other characters? Simon can and Sal thinks that they're all cute!

Dan and Don Who?

The two little blokes with the dodgy moustaches and funny looks are back. In one game you have to protect them from falling objects. How? Blast 'em away of course (the objects that is)!

▲ Hoho! Mischief only leads to disaster!

▲ See? Dan gets his punishment. Shoot 'im!

THE SCORE

"More of the same and boring if you've seen it all before. But if you've never played *Point Blank*, this is as good as any."

ALSO TRY

▲ RESCUE SHOT
No frills light-gun action.....64%

▲ POINT BLANK 2
More of the same but harder to find.....90%

▲ GHOUL PANIC
A spookier *Point Blank*.....81%

looks: 3/5
Bright, colourful but really old.

sound: 2/5
'Bang' and 'Bang' sound the same.

gameplay: 3/5
Classic, but done too many times.

lifespan: 4/5
Keep trying to beat your mate's score.

OVERALL: 79%

MAX TACTICS

You're never going to get all the fun just playing with a pad. This is especially true in a two-player match. 1 Use a lightgun, then you can hit your mark in an instant. 2 But if you use a Dual Shock, you have to move the cursor around. Oops! Wrong target... 3 So player two, get yourself a G-Con!

REVIEW

GAME INFO

Publisher: Sony
020 7447 1600

Price..... £24.99
Player..... One
On Sale..... March

WHAT IT WORKS WITH

DUAL SHOCK? MEMORY CARD

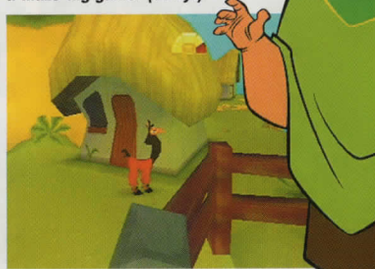
Let the Games Commence

The Emperor's New Groove is filled to overflowing with sub-games and tasks. These include kicking innocent bunnies, avoiding exploding potions and (don't try this one at home) spitting grape seeds. Here are some you can have a go at...

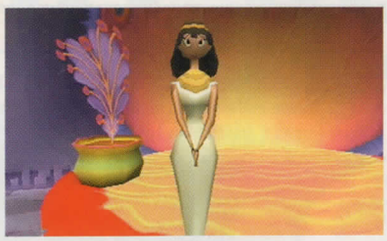
▲ *You get to reenact the final scene from Jaws in this sub-game... give us a smile!*

▲ *The Emperor's New Groove is an a-maze-ing game. (Sorry!)*

▲ *After giving that hare a thrashing, the tortoise was taking on all-comers...*



▲ *Kuzco gets to do his Solid Snake impression as he sneaks up on Pacha.*



▲ *This maiden looks after your game saves.*

▲ *Open doors with red idols.*

▲ *Kuzco's take on Houdini's Niagara trick.*

Changing Faces

As if being changed into a llama wasn't bad enough, the egotistical emperor also becomes a bunny, a tortoise and a frog in his quest to return to humanity.

▲ *This frog can go places a llama can't.*

▲ *"Actually yes, and I'm gonna whup ya!"*

▲ *That potion'll turn you into another beast.*

At one point in the game you have to become His Royal Frogness to progress. You open doors by jumping onto logs marked with an ⊗ and can get help by chatting to the talking flies (whatever next?). 1 Faced by nine logs and an uncommunicative fly there appears to be no way forward. 2 He doesn't talk but this insect leads the way. 3 Line yourself up and follow the fly to freedom!

THE EMPER NEW GROO

Don't be a-llama-ed! It's yet another Disney movie tie-in game.

Someone in games-making land is taking notice. The paying public (you) just won't stand for a bog-standard movie tie-in game any more. *Toy Story 2* has led the charge and, now, *The Emperor's New Groove* looks set to follow its lead.

The storyline is the usual movie-with-a-moral Disney offering. In a fictitious South American kingdom the young emperor, Kuzco, is slightly too into himself. He is punished for his vanity by his formerly loyal adviser, and potion concocter, Yzma, who turns him into a llama.

HUMAN NATURE

Obviously, Kuzco has to go on a journey of self-discovery and learn about the value of friendship and how to treat people before he can become a human again. With only the oafish Pacha to help him (why are stupid people always kind in Disney films?) Kuzco has to overcome all manner of trials and tribulations to return to the palace.

The game closely follows the plot of the film and at the start of each level you are treated to lengthy FMV straight from the movie. These celluloid nuggets set the scene for each level nicely, making playing the game more than worthwhile and certainly contributing to increasing your motivation levels.

The gameplay itself isn't going to win any awards for originality, and serious platform-freaks will find nothing here that they haven't seen in games featuring a certain purple dragon. However, it remains a worthy addition to the genre. Each level features a variety of sub-games which challenge in different ways. You'll

Sisters are Doing it for Themselves

There have been some horrific female characters in animated films over the years. Think Cruella de Vil, the witch from *Snow White* and Ursula the sea witch in *The Little Mermaid* (even the hyenas in *The Lion King* were girls!). This year's femme fatale is the scheming Yzma (boo hiss) – just what has Disney got against women?!

▲ *She looks like a show girl...*

▲ *... but she's really evil...*

▲ *... and she'll try to kill you!*

▲ *Kuzco has a number of cool moves including this karate kick.*

▲ *This is the one person who helps you. His name's Pacha and he's the village idiot – heaven help you!*

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need to make precision jumps a la Lara Croft and you'll also need to use your brain to work out some devilishly cunning tasks. The camera system is especially useful as you can take a look around using the R1 and L1 buttons.

INTO THE GROOVE

Kuzco is no ordinary llama and he has a number of groovy moves to aid him in his efforts. His foes include all sorts of creatures, such as jumping bugs, swooping wasps and axe-wielding guards, but the imperial llama can perform flying karate kicks or aggressive forward rolls to attack his enemies. Switching to a first-person view also enables him to spit grape seeds, which is especially useful when faced by giant llama-eating triffids!

Kuzco isn't worthy enough for a Hall of Fame position alongside Spyro and Crash but he's not far off. Once again Disney has a game that has more merchandising appeal than a lunchbox, and that's, er, groovy. ■

The Disney Club

Walt Disney created his first feature-length cartoon, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, in 1935 and although he died in 1966, the company that takes his name now produces at least one film a year. The latest offering, *The Emperor's New Groove*, features the music of Sting (ask your parents) and some hilarious characters, and you can see some great clips from the movie in the game.

RING AND WIN

FIVE COPIES OF EMPEROR'S NEW GROOVE

Call the number, give your answer and your details and wait.

Q: What's the name of Kuzco's nasty adviser?
a) Yzma b) Myza c) Zamy

0901 388 2223

Calls cost 25p (less than a stamp). Check with the bill-payer before you call. Entries in by 19 Mar 2001. See rules on page 16.

THE SCORE

"We haven't seen the film yet... but we're gonna! A great game which, although unoriginal, is a fine and entertaining effort."

SIMON 7/10

ALSO TRY

▲ APE ESCAPE
Hilarious monkey sub-games 94%

▲ SPYRO 2: GATEWAY TO GLIMMER
Gorgeous action, fantastic visuals.....90%

▲ CRASH BANDICOOT 3: WARPED
Worth every agonising moment.....94%

looks: 3/5
Nice enough, without being remarkable.

sound: 3/5
OK music but great voiceovers.

gameplay: 4/5
A little bit too easy but plenty of variety.

lifespan: 2/5
Lasts like an alpaca sweater in a drier.

OVERALL: 73%

REVIEW

GAME INFO

Publisher: Konami 01895 853 003

Price..... £29.99

Player..... One to four

On Sale..... March

WHAT IT WORKS WITH

DUAL SHOCK

MEMORY CARD

Masters of the Universe

The new Master League is great. From Barcelona to West Ham, there are new club teams with players from the world's best leagues. Win games and buy players to build a dream team. But with two divisions, if you're no good then down you go.

▲ Leeds are Leeds but strangely Arsenal are called London.

▲ Keep kicking people and your players will be banned from the game. Or if you pick up an injury you might miss a few matches as well.

▲ Each new team starts with a squad of made up players.

▲ Win games and trade your trash for even better players.

▲ These refs always book tackles from behind.

▲ Three nil? Getting good is going to take time.

ISS PRO EVOLU

A new ISS! Can it be a match for the fantastic first one? Time to cross that white line and find out...

Got your brain in? Good, you are going to need it. First there was *ISS Evolution* and it was genius. Then there was *ISS Millennium* and that was a bit poo. Now the original PlayStation *ISS* is back and it looks better than ever.

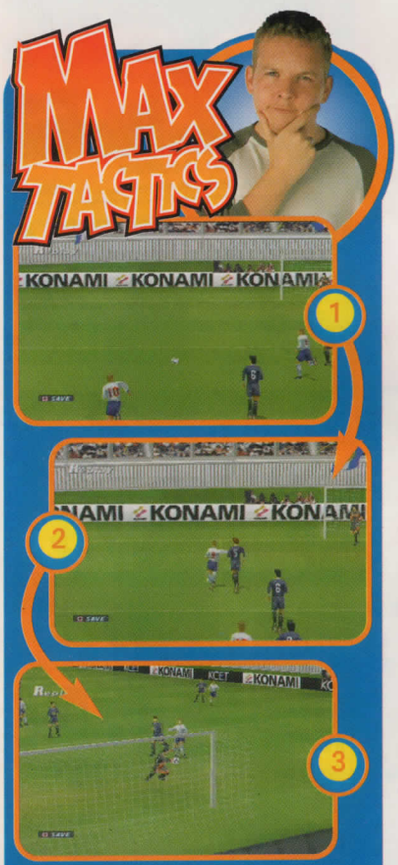
So how do you make a brilliant game better? Do you chuck out all that fab gameplay and start again? Or do you polish every boot, trim every blade of grass and spit out great gobfulls of green nose-gunk before playing on? Well thanks to those nice people who make *ISS*, everything is better, faster, smarter and cooler. So when we say that this *ISS* is an improvement over the last one, we mean that while *ISS Evo 1* kicked arse, *ISS Evo 2* kicks more bums than the world champion of bum-kicking at a celebrity bum-kicking contest.

To play *ISS* you have to think like a footballer. So you'll be looking for others to pass to and making space to shoot. The ball doesn't just ping around like it does in *FIFA*. Instead, play builds up slowly until your striker slips between two men and hammers the ball into the net. When you score, just try not to leap out of your chair – it feels that good. Now there is more room to play, the pitch is bigger, the players are smarter and run just where you need them to play brilliant passes.

LICENCE TO PLAY

A proper licence (at last) means the players also have the real names. There are still no proper league teams and the commentary is still dull. But with a game this stunning, complaining about that is like whingeing that you don't like the plate your giant chocolate cake arrives on. This is ace! ■

MAX TACTICS



Smarter goalies, better defenders, it makes scoring sound impossible, but thanks to the clever through balls and smart shooting it can be easy, if you practise. 1 Here Scholes threads a clever pass along the side of the Argentinian defence with 2 Shearer latches onto it and hits the shot. 3 With around half a bar of power the ball flies past the keeper into the net.

Say My Name, Say My Name

The old *ISS* never had real players' names, and it was never quite the same when Sheallor banged in a hat-trick. Now most of the players have the correct names and even look like the real thing! Just look at this rogues gallery of stars...

▲ That looks just like Euro 2000 star Luis Figo.

▲ With that shiny head, it must be Wiltord.

▲ Michael Owen does what he used to do so well – scoring. Shame he is past it now.

▲ Recognise this lot? Luckily someone has trimmed Dave Seaman's stupid hair. Hurrah.

RING AND WIN

FIVE COPIES OF ISS EVOLUTION

Call the number, give your answer and your details and wait.

Q: Which club does Wiltord play for?

a) Sunderland
b) Arsenal
c) Manchester United

0901 388 2226

Calls cost 25p (less than a stamp). Check with the bill-payer before you call. Entries in by 19 Mar 2001. See rules on page 16.

▲ Goal! If only the commentary was as good as FIFA... Still there is always next time.

UTION 2

Dirty Tackle

This game isn't just the best football game to play, it looks the best too. New animation means that players keel over when they get fouled, and the opposition can nudge, shove, hack and push you off the ball in so many different ways – it makes it great to get fouled! If you do, you might find out about the new injuries too.

▲ Injured players have to be taken off or will run around slowly whingeing about the pain.

▲ Doesn't it look just so realistic? You can almost hear the sound of snapping bone.

▲ Touch him gently and splat! He goes over just like the cheating type he is.

▲ Footy can be so tiring.

Own Goals a Go Go

Best of all is that if you smack a ball at someone it doesn't just bounce away, instead it might balloon up into the air, or fly into the net. Just like it would if you slammed a ball straight into your mate's face. Cool.

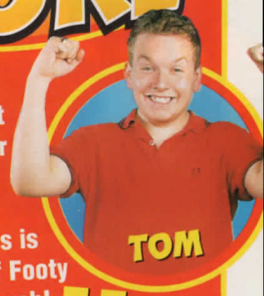
▲ A driven free-kick flies over the wall.

▲ It looks bound for the top corner.

▲ But the keeper flies across and saves.

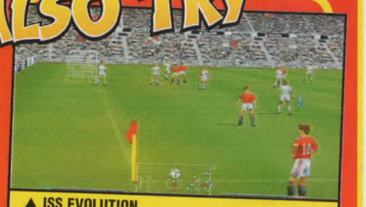
▲ The defender knocks it in.

THE SCORE



"It plays better, it looks better and it has the proper names. This is the King of Footy Games! Hurrah!"

ALSO TRY



▲ ISS EVOLUTION
Still so good.....98%

▲ FIFA 2000
Real tournaments and players.....85%

▲ THIS IS FOOTBALL 2
A nice try that looks good.....88%

looks: 5/5
Smooth and detailed.

sound: 3/5
The commentary sounds like your Mum.

gameplay: 5/5
Realistic and fantastic for one two or four.

lifespan: 5/5
You'll still be playing it in a year or two.

OVERALL: 98%

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REVIEW

GAME INFO

Publisher: Eidos 020 8636 3000

Price..... £29.99

Player..... One

On Sale..... Now

WHAT IT WORKS WITH

DUAL SHOCK

MEMORY CARD

MAX TACTICS

1 After killing off your first bunch of robots, you'll find a metal hook. 2 Walk back to the second door you passed in the corridor. 3 Go in and use the hook over the grate to get the yellow keycard. Easy!

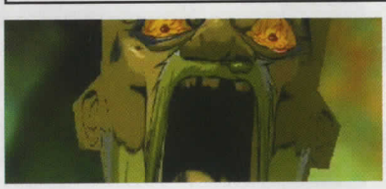
Scary Monsters

The intro sequence shows someone being injected with some sort of serum, and at first it seems that this person is dead. Nope! Everyone else is, this person's now a proper monster. Scary!

▲ *After an injection of some strange goop, this female body starts to mutate. She seems dead.*

▲ *ARGH! The body shoots up, stares at you with those evil eyes, then kicks up a ruckus!*

▲ *Hana's still having trouble finding a loo. See, boys can use this alleyway but that's disgusting!*



▲ *This dude is really evil. Stay out of his way.*

▲ *"Right, I've got her right arm. On the count of three, 18 bumps!" Hoho! Party fun for all!*

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FEAR E

Hana get your guns, it's time for some serious action!

▲ *These rats don't like Hana, but they're such cute little creatures that we love 'em!*

There are two main surprises to *Retro Helix*. The first is that somehow they've managed to make it a lot better than the original *Fear Effect*, 'cos that one wasn't much good. The second is that this proves that girls are *cool*!

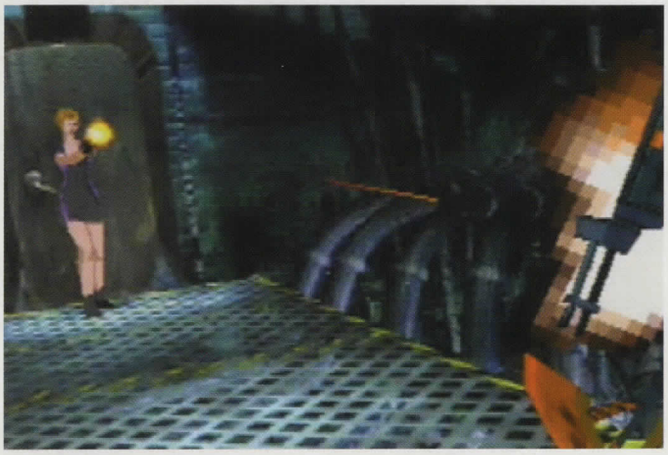
Hana Tsu-Vachel isn't one of those girly types who messes around with her hair and goes on about how lush Brian from Westlife is. She's tough, knows how to handle any kind of weapon and fights like a raving champion. She's gorgeous too. Better still is the fact that she's now got a friend (for your friend to admire) who's just as nice, Rain Qin.

The two work together on their cases and Rain is the technology expert, while Hana handles most of the hands-on jobs. You get to control either of them throughout their adventure, switching from one to the other whenever one of them is stuck.

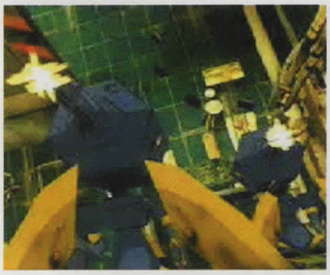
Thankfully, the puzzles are a million times better than the ones in the first *Fear Effect*. Those were a bit tricky and seemed to have nothing to do with where you were in the game at all. It felt as if they had been added on at the last minute with a bit of Blu-Tak, whereas this really feels like a good action-packed adventure!

VAST IMPROVEMENT

Perhaps the first *Fear Effect* was just a test run to get a few things working, because it really did look so gorgeous at the time. The shame was that there were far too many long loading times, and the gameplay was poo. This time the graphics



▲ As well as being nifty with gadgets, Rain's a pretty sharp shooter. You go girl!



▲ On the left, the deadly Fixer 'bots. Here's Hana in a lovely blue rubber suit. Hmm...

Let's Be Friends

Hana's best mate is Rain. They're such best mates, as it sometimes is with girls, that they even hug each other. They should spend more time playing their PlayStations.

▲ "So we're agreed. Boys are rubbish!"

▲ "This mirror doesn't work properly!"

EFFECT 2: RETRO HELIX

look quite amazing, and the gameplay's a million times better with hardly any loading time! The storyline's cool too, with a sinister mystery surrounding Rain. It seems the bad guys are after her, but why? Something must have happened to her though, as this takes place before the first *Fear Effect* and she's not in that one.

EW! YUCK!

There are lots of gruesome moments too, and some cringe-worthy ones... If you can ignore how much Hana and Rain are really, really, really bestest mates in the whole wide world, then you'll be able to get on with enjoying the brilliant adventure. And for all Lara fans, forget that old bag! Hana and Rain rule! ■

▲ 'Pluuuurp! Squirreep! Sploosh!' Hehehehe! Not a good idea to pig out on that curry, eh?

RING AND WIN

FIVE COPIES OF FEAR EFFECT

Call the number, give your answer and your details and wait.

Q: What is Rain Qin's field of expertise?

a) Medicine
b) Technology
c) Handbags

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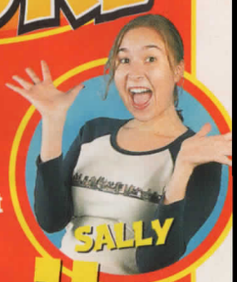
Calls cost 25p (less than a stamp). Check with the bill-payer before you call. Entries in by 19 Mar 2001. See rules on page 16.

He Likes His Game

This fellow here, Mr Tom Mark, is the producer of *Fear Effect 2* and he put himself into the game as a character – Big Tom! He seems to really like Hana.

▲ But is Big Tom better looking in the game or in real life? Hmmm... We're not sure.

THE SCORE



"Brilliant action, pretty good puzzles, an intriguing plot and gorgeous all over – we love it!"

ALSO TRY

▲ RESIDENT EVIL 3
The best in scary action-adventure.....95%

▲ METAL GEAR SOLID
The best adventure game – ever! 95%

▲ FEAR EFFECT
Inferior but worth a look.....80%

looks: 5/5
Gob-smackingly gorgeous!

sound: 4/5
Some spooky noises and great voices.

gameplay: 4/5
Controls aren't too sharp but still top stuff.

lifespan: 4/5
Very tough and four discs long.

OVERALL: 90%

REVIEW

GAME INFO

Publisher: Acclaim 0207 344 5000

Price..... £29.99

Player..... One to eight

On Sale..... March

WHAT IT WORKS WITH

DUAL SHOCK · MEMORY CARD · STEERING WHEEL

It's a Secret

As you succeed in the game you'll open up all sorts of extras. As well as new cars, there's a whole heap of other secret treats in store.

▲ These X-ray movies feature cars from the game. Cool!

▲ Flip through some quality pics of the fabbest cars ever.

▲ Open up secrets and you can do things like change all the other cars to the same model as yours.

▲ He's heading for trouble. Wall trouble.

▲ You'll spin out a lot in this game.

▲ This sort of move is not recommended.

▲ You'll enjoy mastering all the cars.

VANISHING

There are no more Gran Turismos on PS one. NOOOOOO! A big fat Hurrah for Vanishing Point then. HURRAH!

What can you say to the folks who made this game? "Sorry, but it's not as good as Gran Turismo 2." Well you could. But it would be really unfair because this racer, created by a team of only eight, is crammed with features. And, while it might not look a million bucks, it's good where it counts – and that's in gameplay.

The main tournament option is a bit of an odd one. Instead of all starting on the grid, the game has a rolling start so even though you actually overtake other cars, it doesn't necessarily change your position. Instead, you're sort of racing against the other car's times, so at each checkpoint you'll be told how many seconds ahead or behind the leader you are.

The real fun, though, comes from the other bits in the game. Two-player games are a riot.

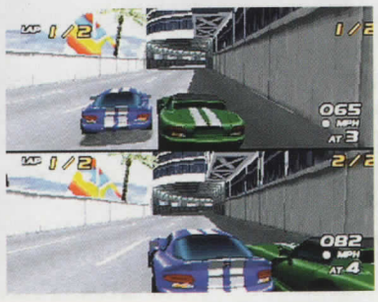
▲ Unfortunately the shuttle doesn't take off. Good job too. It would be a distraction.

Choose a suitably crappy vehicle and a suitably bumpy, jumpy course and you'll have great fun watching each other go spinning out of control. The stunt mode is a hoot too and you'll go back to it many, many times just to get max points on all the challenges.

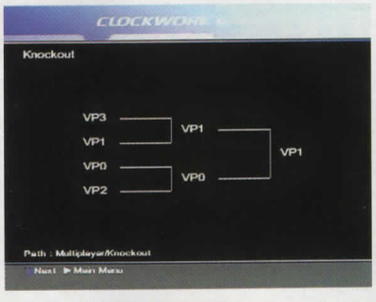
What's also a reet good laugh is trying out all the different cars in the game. There are dozens, and each handles really differently. Obvious models include the Ford Focus, TVRs, Lotus Elises and so on. But there are more exotic beasts on offer. A VW camper van is a slow but amusing choice, while the old Ford Mustang is super-cool to take out for a spin.

Party Play

Vanishing Point features enough different play modes to suit any gaming gathering. Play on your own, with a mate, or with up to seven other people (not all at the same time, mind).



▲ The old split-screen two-player option. It's a laugh riot. But the looks suffer a bit.



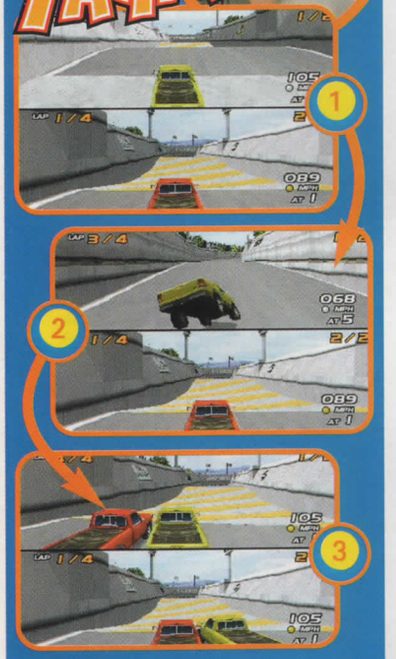
▲ Up to eight players can play two at a time in a mini knockout tournament.

GOT EIGHT MATES?

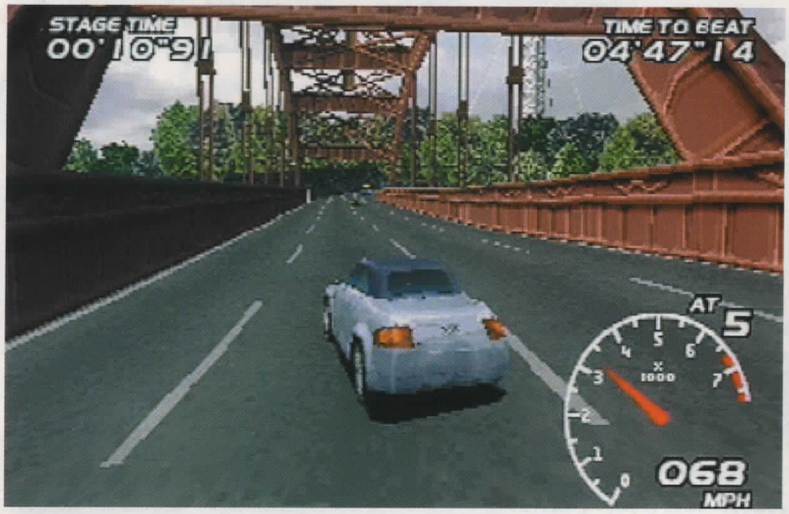
Unusually, for a racing game, it also caters for more than two people. Eight people can play, in fact. This doesn't mean the screen splits into eight, but you can set up a tournament and race, two at a time, racking up points or reducing the field in a ruthless knockout tournament.

Vanishing Point is not perfect by any means. The main one-player game could be a bit more fun (although the aggressive opponents and oncoming traffic make things fairly hectic) and the graphics are not everything we'd hoped for, but this is still a jolly enough racer. ■

MAX TACTICS



When you get to the fourth two-player track you'll find it has two jumps. Race on it using the Ford Ranger trucks. 1 Line up straight and try to hit around 103mph at the top of the ramp. You should land perfectly. 2 If you wobble, take your foot off the gas to correct yourself. 2 If you're feeling evil, give your opponent a tap as you're in mid-jump. The results can be hilarious.



▲ *A rare, quiet road. Normally there's loads of traffic so you have no time to relax.*

POINT

PlayStation MAX BRONZE

Motor Madness

There are tonnes of cars on offer in this game. Some are beasts, others are sleek sportsters, some boast sturdy, reliable performance and others are just plain daft. Check out our faves.

▲ ***FORD RANGER***
Very unstable, and highly amusing on bumpy courses against a friend.

▲ ***ASTON MARTIN V8***
Mental! This fella can go at over 200mph. Drive this monster at your peril.

▲ ***AUSTIN MINI COOPER S***
A bit slow, but these little cars are remarkably good fun to race.

Stunt Master

Like the licences in *GT2*, the stunt mode in *VP* is a sort of training ground. But because the stunts are so much fun and you can replay them to try to get 100% each time, it's a lot of fun all by itself.

▲ ***The long jump sees you getting as far as possible, as quickly as possible.***

▲ ***The twists and turns will test your manoeuvring and handbrake skills.***

▲ ***Pop all the balloons within the time limit to score maximum points. This one's tough.***

▲ ***The barrel roll is really hard too. Roll the car, land flat and stop in time.***

THE SCORE

"It's not the best racer in the world, but it's hard not to be entertained by all the stuff on offer here."

ALSO TRY

▲ **GRAN TURISMO 2**
Nothings rivals this.....97%

▲ **TOCA WTC**
A close second. This is top 96%

▲ **GRAN TURISMO**
Pick up a cheapo copy if you can.....95%

looks: 3/5
Like a scraggy version of *Gran Turismo*.

sound: 3/5
Meaty engines, top screeching skids.

gameplay: 4/5
Tournament is OK. Extras are fab.

lifespan: 4/5
There's loads here. Brilliant!

OVERALL: 72%

RING AND WIN

FIVE COPIES OF VANISHING POINT

Call the number, give your answer and your details and wait.
Q: Who makes Focus cars?
a) Ford
b) Dinky
c) Handy Andy

0901 388 2224

Calls cost 25p (less than a stamp). Check with the bill-payer before you call. Entries in by 19 Mar 2001. See rules on page 16.

REVIEW

GAME INFO

Publisher: Ubi Soft 020 8944 9000

Price..... £29.99

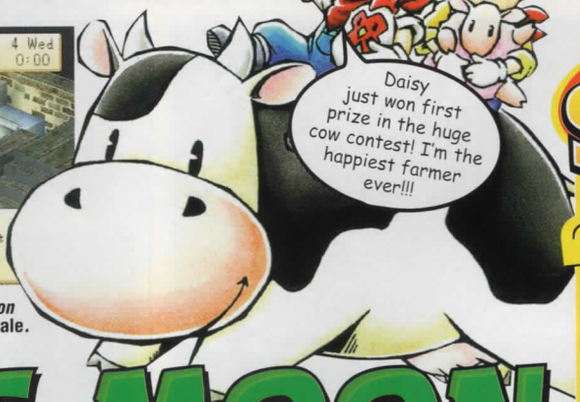
Player..... One

On Sale..... Now

WHAT IT WORKS WITH: DUAL SHOCK, MEMORY CARD

▲ *If you hang out in strange places, you're sure to meet strange people...*

▲ *Find out all about what's going on in the village. It's just like* Emmerdale.



HARVEST MOON

Grab yer wellies and watch out for that dung heap! There's trouble down at the farm and somethin' smells funny...

Crumbs, this is a weird one. It's like an RPG, but it's not an RPG. Confused? Well, *Harvest Moon* is basically a farm simulator but, being Japanese, it's also a role-playing game.

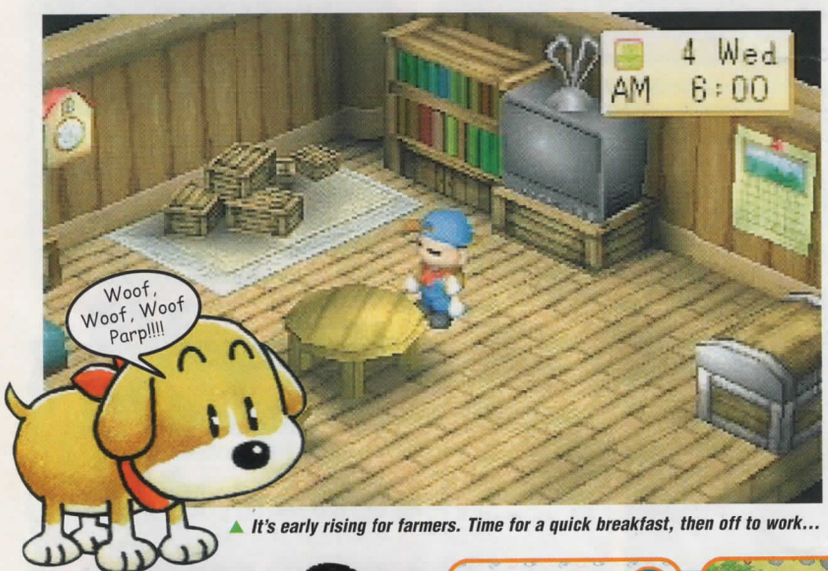
That means that you wander around a colourful village talking to the locals, running around on various jobs to build up their trust but, at the same time, you have to keep your farm running properly.

Everything is included, but the game never gets boring or samey. You have to clear the land to grow crops and then you have to buy animals (chickens, cows and goats) for wool, eggs and milk. Tools can be bought and upgraded and feed has to be collected to keep your animals alive and happy. Sound boring? Yep, it should be but, somehow it ain't.

As everything happens in real time (the sky darkens as it turns to night), it's only a matter of moments before you're sucked into village life. This means you'll be helping out the folks on the chicken farm one minute and chatting to Ann from the bar the next. But you mustn't forget your jobs or the farm will run to ground and you'll be out of a job.

Okay, so *Harvest Moon* isn't going to appeal to everyone, but if you're a straw-chewing yokel with a passion for RPGs, then I reckon this could be the game you've been waiting for. As for the rest of us... well it's not bad and it's definitely original! ■

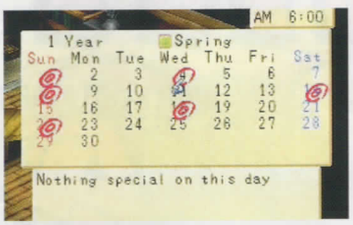
PlayStation MAX BRONZE



▲ *It's early rising for farmers. Time for a quick breakfast, then off to work...*

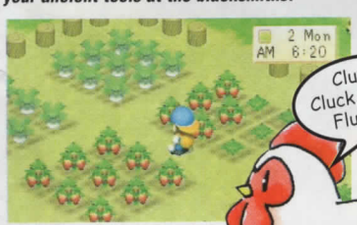
Down at the Farm

Country living's easy when you know how. Here's our little guide to farm life...



▲ ***CHECK THE DIARY***
You'll need to check the day to make sure nothing important's happening.

▲ ***BUMBLE INTO TOWN***
You can get food or seeds at the supermarket, chat to the locals or upgrade your ancient tools at the blacksmiths.



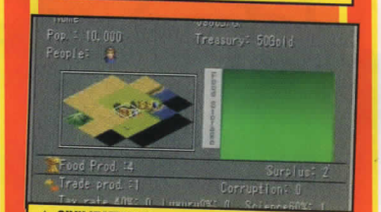
▲ ***TIME FOR WORK***
Toil the land, feed the animals and collect the produce for Zack (your buyer) to pick up.

THE SCORE

"Totally original. *Harvest Moon* is an RPG crossed with a farm simulator and if you like your sims, you'll love this."

ALSO TRY

▲ **FINAL FANTASY IX**
The best RPG money can buy.....98%



▲ **CIVILIZATION II**
Try building up a whole city!.....84%

▲ **THEME PARK WORLD**
... or a massive theme park.....70%

looks: 3/5
Cartoony but good.

sound: 3/5
Some good effects at times.

gameplay: 4/5
Tons to do and it's easy to master.

lifespan: 3/5
You might get bored of mucking out cows.

OVERALL: 78%

MAX TACTICS

1 The first job you need to do is to clear your land for planting. You've got a good collection of tools from the toolbox to choose from. 2 You can pull out weeds by hand but, if you collect an axe from the toolbox, you can chop up the sticks for valuable lumber. 3 Go on then... get to it!

GAME INFO

Publisher: Codemasters 01926 814 132

Price..... £29.99

Player..... One to two

On Sale..... Now

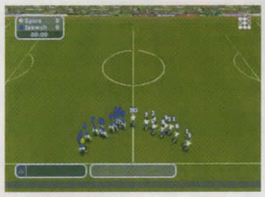
WHAT IT WORKS WITH

DUAL SHOCK

MEMORY CARD

Matchday Madness

On match days, it seems as though you're watching footy played by a lot of ants. This is the most exciting bit, but you only get to shout orders from the touchline, like "Attack!" And the bloke sounds more like your PE teacher than Arsene Wenger.



▲ The players make their way onto the field of play.

▲ What's that funny trail the behind the ball? Did someone dip it in paint?

▲ Who let Rebrov score? Time to see who you've got on the bench.

▲ After the match, you can work out where you went wrong.

LMA MANAGER 2001

At the end of the day Bob, it's a game of two 'alves and the lads done good... again!

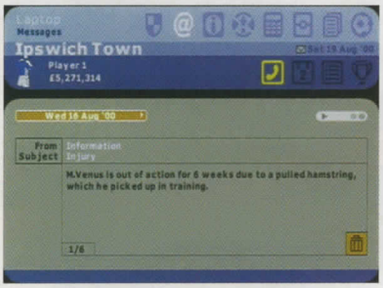
So you think you've got what it takes to beat Sir Alex and his boys to the Premiership title? Well, *LMA Manager 2001* is the perfect game for any budding young manager and also for anyone who's sick of seeing Manchester United winning yet another trophy.

The best thing about this game is that you can manage any team you want in all of the four divisions, so if you're a supporter of high flying Newcastle United or lowly Exeter City, you're going to be happy.

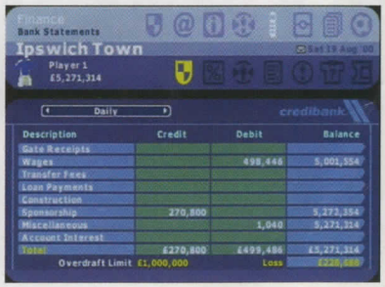
Once you've chosen your team, you have to sort out which are your best players and the best formation for them to play in. There are lots of other things to think about as well, like building a better stadium and buying new players. You'd never think running a football team was such a complicated affair.

When you've finished sorting your team out, you watch them play each game for about five minutes. Because you're the manager, the only thing you can do is yell instructions from the touchline.

This is the trouble with *LMA Manager*, it's a little bit boring when you compare it to the excitement of *ISS Evolution* or *FIFA*. There are loads of statistics to look at here, but that's not the same as firing home a 30-yard screamer into the top hand corner, is it? ■



▲ Get someone else to do the work for you by employing scouts, then you can put your feet up.



▲ Work out how much money you've got, then you can buy yourself a big brown sheepskin coat.

Stato Heaven

Although it looks complicated, the menu system is easy to pick up, and after only a few weeks of the season, you'll be a dab hand at viewing the transfer markets, sorting out formations and deciding which horrible tie to wear on match days.

▲ You can build extras onto your stadium, like bird tables and satellite dishes.

▲ Michael Owen probably won't want to play for you if you're Torquay United.

THE SCORE

"As good as Fegie's Player Manager but in a friendlier way. This is a great, slick management game."

ALSO TRY

▲ LMA MANGER
Try to pick this one up cheap.....91%

▲ ISS PRO EVOLUTION 2
Now the best footy game in the world.....98%

▲ ALEX FERGUSON'S PLAYER MANAGER 2001
Complicated management sim.....85%

looks: 3/5
Best of the bunch but still a bit naff.

sound: 2/5
Good crowd noises but not much else.

gameplay: 4/5
Fun to play, especially if you're winning.

lifespan: 5/5
There's loads to do when you're a manger.

OVERALL: 85%

MAX TACTICS

1 Choose your own formation or use a pre-set line-up. Man Utd '99 is probably better than England Euro '98. 2 Now it's time to train; you can get your defence to concentrate on stopping the other team scoring 3 and the attackers to shoot on target. Don't overwork your team or they'll get tired.

REVIEW

GAME INFO

Publisher: Ubi Soft 0208 944 9000

Price..... £29.99

Player..... One to two

On Sale..... Now

WHAT IT WORKS WITH

DUAL SHOCK

MEMORY CARD

This isn't Hollywood

Check out the credits and you'll be treated to one of the maddest and longest game movies we've ever seen. There seems to be a crocodile chasing a giant bear and a rabbit. A gorilla appears and sells everyone scooters. Then the rabbit decides to go for a haircut. What the blimmin' heck is going on? We have absolutely no idea.

▲ *We'll all be wearing this soon.*

▲ *So, who wants to be lunch?*

▲ *Short back and sides, sir?*

FREESTYLE SCOOTER

Hot on the heels of trading cards, yo-yos and wrestling, here comes the latest craze. Fancy a freestyle scoot?

Micro scooters are officially cool, that is according to clueless celebs like Kylie, Donna Air, the All Saints and, er, Po off the *Teletubbies*. Here at PlayStation MAX we're not quite so sure, but the makers of *Grind Session* seem to think so as they've brought us this latest street sports game.

As soon as you pick up the pad and start playing *Freestyle Scooter* you get a strange feeling of deja vu. If you've played any of the *Tony Hawk's* games before, then this will seem very familiar. *Freestyle Scooter* plays almost identically to *Tony Hawk's*, but of course without the skateboards.

The level goals are slightly different though, as here you've got to pick up wheels, pull off massive grinds and collect time bonuses as well as get high scores to open up new areas, characters and scooters.

Freestyle Scooter also has a strange storyline running through it. It concerns the scooter gang and their arch enemy – an evil giant robot called Norton. Complete enough normal levels and you're given the chance to rescue your chums from Norton's clutches in a number of bonus boss arenas.

Despite all the similarities, *Freestyle Scooter* doesn't try to take on Tony Hawk at his own game. The result is a top wheeze that's very easy to pick up and have a laugh with. On the downside however, it might be a little bit too easy for some. ■

PlayStation MAX BRONZE

▲ *Always feeble grind your tabletops, just not in front of your Mum.*

Crushed Spleen

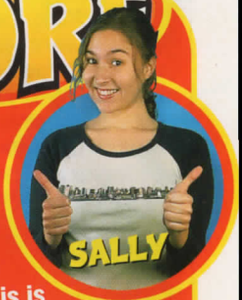
Clang! Futoong! Wahhahh! These are just some of the sounds your chums make as they splat into walls, ramps and fall through the air. Still, they're always ready for more.

▲ *Always wear your parachute when out on your scooter. Waahaaaa!!!*

▲ *"Ouch, broken my virtual back and done a computer poo in my rendered jeans."*

▲ *OK, we all love concrete, but not if you hit it face first at 30mph.*

THE SCORE



"Taking an arcade angle instead of the usual street sports simulation, this is a top laugh from start to finish."

ALSO TRY

▲ **TONY HAWK'S PRO SKATER 2**
The best skateboarding game ever.....95%

▲ **GRIND SESSION**
Nice try, but Tony still wins.....79%

▲ **DAVE MIRRA FREESTYLE BMX**
The most fun you'll have on two wheels.....79%

looks: 5/5
Smart sassy visuals look the business.

sound: 4/5
Cool pop/punk music and lots of effects.

gameplay: 3/5
Easy to pick and play – too easy for some.

lifespan: 3/5
Loads to do, but you'll do it all in no time.

OVERALL: 79%

MAX TACTICS

To rescue you mates from Norton's grasp you'll have to get the boss levels spot on. From the start. (1) Head up this ramp ahead of you and pull an air to get these wheels. (2) Follow the lines to grab the rest. (3) Finally, grind your way around this section to get that tricky last wheel.

GAME INFO

Publisher: Virgin Interactive 020 7551 4222

Price..... £29.99
Player..... One to two
On sale..... March

WHAT IT WORKS WITH

DUAL SHOCK | MEMORY CARD

EUROPEAN SUPER LEAGUE

In the crowded penalty box of gaming, can this leap up and head home?

When it comes to the competitive and overcrowded locker room of PlayStation football games, size matters. Most top games boast about the number of teams included, brag about the wealth of international leagues or at least crow about a superb team editor facility.

Enter *European Super League* and its paltry 16 teams. Stop sniggering, it's not funny. At least these 16 teams are Europe's finest, the very best that the mighty continent has to offer... oh, Manchester United aren't included? Arsenal neither? Nor last season's Champions League finalists, Valencia?

BAD START

Okay, so the game gets off to a start worse than England away to San Marino in 1993 (the San Marinese scored after only ten seconds!) but strict licensing laws prevented the makers of *European Super League* from featuring these teams, so give them a chance.

With only 16 teams to concentrate on, the game can boast authenticity. Each of the stadiums is lovingly rendered, as are the kits. The realism is further enhanced by genuine crowd chants for each of the clubs, so fans of Liverpool and Chelsea will enjoy that.

It's on the pitch, though, that any football game must do its talking, and it's here that *European Super League* is finally put to shame by the, ahem, 'big boys' of PlayStation football. Unfortunately, it doesn't stand up. The action is jerkier than Thunderbird Scott Tracy and the players frequently dance around the ball like Essex girls around a handbag. The tackling is rather savage, though, and games tend to resemble the most violent of Sunday league bloodbaths. No one is safe from the horror challenges and even the referee can get pounced upon.

European Super League does have some merits, but unfortunately, they are surpassed by just about every football game in existence at the moment. "We shall not be moved," sing Liverpool's Anfield faithful in the game. Well, we were – moved to tears that is. ■

No Grounds for Complaint

There are only 16 grounds to visit in the game, but each one looks rather nice. It's just a shame that you can't go to Old Trafford or Highbury (or is that Wembley?).

▲ *Extra care and attention has been given to getting the stadiums right.*

▲ *The national line dancing compo drew huge crowds in Barcelona.*

▲ *Michael Flatley's dance troupe got rave reviews in Gothenburg.*

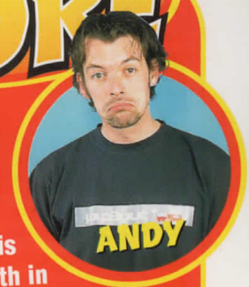
Laws of the Game

Matches in *ESL* often descend into violent brawls with tackles Roy Keane would wince at. You'll be seeing red...

▲ *This will become familiar. Red cards are commonplace in* ESL.

▲ *In fact, we never completed a game with more than ten men. Do we not like that.*

THE SCORE



"Super League? More like Sunday League. This is out of its depth in the competitive world of PlayStation footy."

ALSO TRY

▲ UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SEASON 2000/2001
European football at its very best.....75%

▲ THIS IS FOOTBALL 2
A worthy member of the soccer elite.....88%

▲ ISS PRO EVOLUTION
A beautiful interpretation of the game.....98%

looks: 2/5
Accurate stadiums but jerky gameplay.

sound: 4/5
Great crowds and no commentary. Bliss.

gameplay: 1/5
Dodgier than a Zimbabwean goalkeeper.

lifespan: 1/5
Not much to do after a tournament.

OVERALL: 34%

MAX TACTICS

Now, here at MAX we would never advocate cheating, but when opportunity knocks... 1 Play a match and adjust your line-up as usual. 2 You now get the rare chance to pick your opponent's team! 3 Change their formation to suit yours and away you go... the odds are now stacked in your favour.

REVIEW

GAME INFO

Publisher: Sony 0207 447 1600

Price..... £29.99

Player..... One or two

On Sale..... Now

WHAT IT WORKS WITH

DUAL SHOCK? MEMORY CARD

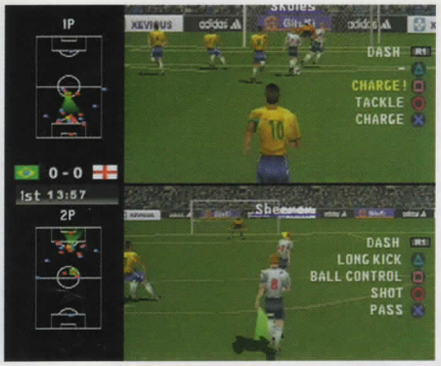
Your Worst Nightmare

Get your mate to play against you (lie, tell them it's like *ISS*, heheheh!) and you'll be the most unfortunate pair in the world. It's still easy to score, but the two of you are rarely even going to come near each other. Still, Tom enjoyed scoring a few as he always does. Right, get *ISS* back in!

▲ Brazil may think they're ace, but England are cool!

▲ Argh! Player two tackles one, but the ref ignores it!

▲ Go Ronaldo, gogogogogogo! Don't fall over! Come on!



▲ What? Mr player one can't be bothered any more. Oh.

LIBERO GRANDE INTERNATIONAL

You're the star player of your favourite team! Shame your team-mates are a bunch of monkeys...

Ever wanted to be Owen, running past four hapless defenders as you charge blissfully towards the goal? Then this is the game you've been waiting for.

But, if you're the kind of person who expects a good mid-fielder to cross to you, then you'll be waiting for hours. And, if you like playing as the mid-fielder yourself, then expect the ball not to come your way for ages either.

Libero Grande International is the sequel to *Libero Grande*. The original was awful, so is this any better? Not really. Relying on your computer-controlled team mates to handle the game well on your behalf is wishful thinking, even if you have a sound strategy in place. The beauty of games like *ISS* and some of the *FIFA*s is that you control the whole game. You've seen it so many times on telly that you know how it works. So playing a game like this is easy business.

LGI tries hard to make you feel you're in a real game of football, but it doesn't work. But for Owen fans, you'll be able to hog the ball and run to the goal with hardly any hassle. ■

My Name is Michael Owen

Check out this beautiful run up. Owen, gets past everyone and slots it in with ease. Why couldn't he do that in the World Cup?! As this is *Libero Grande International*, you can pick any of the other countries to play. How about Holland? A bit of Dutch courage might do you some good!

▲ Young Michael gets the ball and he's all alone with loads of space around him...

▲ There it goes, slotted right into the back of the net while the keeper collapses in a heap.

▲ Now run to the stands young scamp! Your fans adore you Michael Owen, they really do.

Max Tactics

The only proper technique that works is the old one-two pass. (1). Run with the ball towards the goal. (2). Pass it to another who's running alongside you to get defenders chasing him. (3). Run ahead and wait for the ball to be passed back to you, with the defenders drawn away by your team mate.

The Score

"Footy fans will be disappointed. You might have fun, if you think football's about you hogging the ball for goals."

looks: 3/5
Not bad, but you can't see all the pitch.

sound: 2/5
No commentary and not much else.

gameplay: 2/5
A good idea that doesn't work.

lifespan: 2/5
You'll get really tired of this.

OVERALL: 50%

Also Try

▲ ISS PRO EVOLUTION
Soon to be ousted by *ISS Evo 2*!.....98%

▲ FIFA 2000
Better than 2001.....90%

▲ LIBERO GRANDE
Originally an arcade game.....60%

GAME INFO | PUBLISHER.....EA | PRICE..£29.99 | PLAYER ....One or two | ON SALE .....Now

SUPERCROSS

Dirt, bikes and crazy stunts. Those three things just about sum up the world of supercross.

▲ It looks fancy, but landing will hurt. A lot!

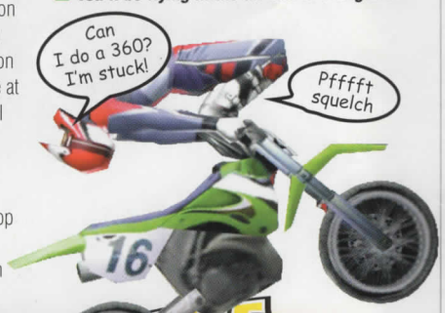
▲ You'll be flying in the air lots in this game.

Supercross is taking off all over the world and EA – one of the biggest developers of sports games – is paying homage to it in this sports sim.

Every feature you could wish for is here – real-life riders and all their stats, supercross courses from around the world, a replay option, create-a-rider and a fantastic soundtrack.

Although all the features are fantastic, as a simulation of the sport, it's pretty poor. As you hack around tracks you'll find yourself almost on top of your competitors, crashing into them on every turn, but somehow you all seem to stay on your bikes. If this was real-life, you'd surely be at the bottom of a pile-up needing urgent medical attention. Then this is video game land, and it would be no fun if you were carted off in an ambulance at the first turn.

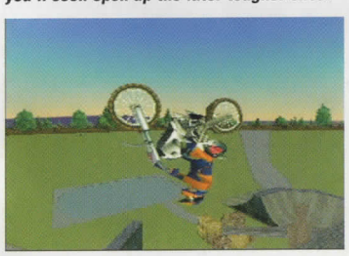
With loads of modes, plenty of courses, top riders to unlock and frantic racing, this title is well worth a look, but if it's total biking realism you want then steer clear. ■



Tricky Business

Our favourite modes had to be the freestyle stunt courses. Just get on your bike and ride up ramps to get air to fly over houses and dry river beds. It will take you ages to master the 34 tricks such as McMetz, No-Footed Can Can and the Mulisha.

▲ Get to grips with the early levels and you'll soon open up the later tougher ones.



▲ It'll take practice, but once you've pulled off tricky stunts you'll feel great.

THE SCORE

looks: 3/5
Not the best the PS one has to offer.

sound: 3/5
Truly stonking set of tunes to ride to.

gameplay: 4/5
Easy to get to grips with.

lifespan: 4/5
Loads of tricks to master.

OVERALL: 74%

GAME INFO | PUBLISHER .....ITE Media | PRICE..£19.99 | PLAYER .....One | ON SALE .....Now

HUGO THE QUEST FOR THE SUNSTONES

The need to find sunstones should never get this desperate.

Sounds kind of cute from the name doesn't it? Getting to control a little guy called Hugo through various lands, in a bid to find three sunstones that will save the Kikurean village? You'd be wrong, though.

The trouble with *Hugo* is that it's a platformer, and you'd expect it to be fast, furious and fun. But Hugo starts off very dull with no enemies on the first levels, unless you count cardboard cut-outs of not-very-menacing-looking reptiles and swinging blades.

As you progress your foes do vary, but are kept to the same species per level. Man-eating plants snap at you and cause considerable damage even if you're nowhere near – and if you try to get in close to fight them, they'll zap the life out of you. Lucky there are lots of potions around the levels to boost your energy.

Enemies and simple levels aside, the whole pace of hugo is very slow. Even when the action calls for you to run down the corridor of an ancient temple away from fire, frustration is all you'll find when you die for the 20th time. This is a poor imitation of *Crash* and many of his fans will recognise scenes from the trilogy. Save your money and get Platinum *Crash* instead. ■

▲ Doom and gloom – all the levels are so dark.

▲ Get away from that fire, one lick and you die!

▲ Oh no! A swinging bag, just take your time and walk right past. This is as tough as it gets.

▲ Walk into the mummy and you die, but there's some potion there to save you.

▲ No matter how hard you try you can't sneak past this plant to get the gem.

THE SCORE

looks: 1/5
Dark and dull as ditch water.

sound: 2/5
No funky tunes to help the action.

gameplay: 2/5
Slow. You'll be craving more excitement.

lifespan: 2/5
If you don't fall asleep it will last.

OVERALL: 25%

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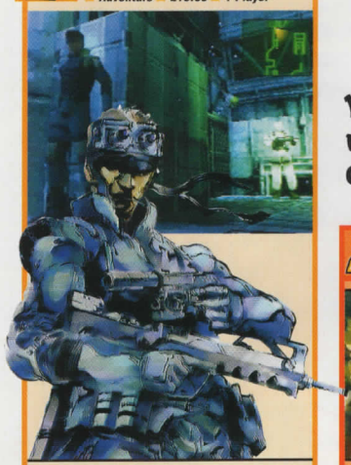
THE HITLIST

We think these are the best games of all time! And whether you're into driving games, platformers, footy or RPGs, there's something for everyone here. Enjoy!

ALL THE LATEST GAMES ARE AVAILABLE ON
gameplay
THE GATEWAY TO GAMES

1 Metal Gear Solid

Adventure ■ *£19.99* ■ *1 Player*



We wouldn't let Max the Dog in the same room as this. It's mix of stealthy stuff, action and adventure is brilliant and it's unlike any game ever. It's number one!

2 Final Fantasy IX

RPG ■ *£34.99* ■ *1 Player*

Forget the rest, this is definitely the best. Easier than *VIII*, prettier than *VII*, this is the ultimate RPG for the PlayStation. You'll be lost in the fantasy for ages!

3 Resi Evil 3: Nemesis

Survival Horror ■ *£29.99* ■ *1 Player*

Ever seen a baddie as scary as Nemesis? Nope! He's scarier than Darth Vader and Darth Maul put together – and harder too. But it's the cool story that makes *Nemesis* so amazing.

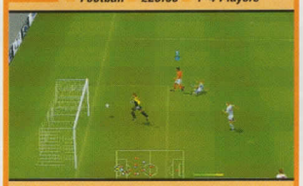
4 Driver 2

Driving ■ *£29.99* ■ *1–2 Players*

Driver was an amazing game, and every improvement possible is in *Driver 2*. Cruise around Havana, Chicago, Rio and Vegas or get out of the car and walk!

5 ISS Pro Evolution

Football ■ *£29.99* ■ *1–4 Players*



Not only the best footy game in the world, *ISS Pro Evolution* is one of the best games ever. We're still playing it more than any other game – it's so realistic!

6 Tekken 3

Beat-'em-up ■ *£19.99* ■ *1–2 Players*

Tekken Tag looks great on PlayStation 2, but the amazing thing is that it's not much better than *Tekken 3*. But then how can you improve on this amazing beat-'em-up?

7 Gran Turismo 2

Racing ■ *£29.99* ■ *1–2 Players*

Some people hate 'em, but we love 'em. It's the driving tests. They make *GT* better than any other racer. Plus it's fast, the cars are ace and it looks fantastic. Wow!

8 Tony Hawk's 2

Skating sim ■ *£29.99* ■ *1–2 Players*

This game is so addictive it will rob you of entire weekends. It's the greatest skateboarding game ever. *Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2* totally rocks!

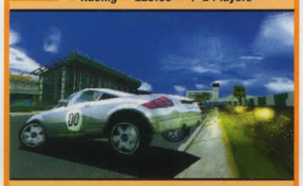
9 WWF Smackdown! 2

Wrestling ■ *£29.99* ■ *1–4 Players*

WWF Smackdown! 2: Know Your Role is bigger, badder and battier than ever before. If you want a WWF game, than you need look no further than this.

10 Toca: World Touring Cars

Racing ■ *£29.99* ■ *1–2 Players*



Gawd! We thought that *Colin McRae 2* would be the one to take on *GT2*, but we were wrong! It's *WTC*! *GT2* sneaks it due to the driving tests, but *WTC* is brilliant.

11 Spyro 3

Platformer ■ *£29.99* ■ *1 Player*

In *Spyro Year of the Dragon* Spyro teams up with his mates to take you on his greatest adventure ever. He's still not as cool as Crash, but this is better than *Crash 3*.

12 Crash Bandicoot 3

Platformer ■ *£19.99* ■ *1 Player*

Crash is the best character on PlayStation. He's better than Lara, Rayman and Heihachi and this is the best *Bandicoot* game by far. A hilarious platform adventure.

13 Final Fantasy VII

RPG ■ *£19.99* ■ *1 Player*

The game that turned loads of people into RPG boffins overnight – thanks to the Chocobos. The story is great, but snowboarding with Chocobos is even better!

14 Soul Reaver

Adventure ■ *£19.99* ■ *1 Player*

Kain had a hard time before this. His first game was average and someone cut his wings off. But we think this is the best looking action-adventure on PlayStation.

15 Tomb Raider 2

Adventure ■ *£19.99* ■ *1 Player*

Every winter a new *TR* comes out claiming to be better than the last, but this was one of our favourites. More action-packed than other *TRs*, with great vehicles.

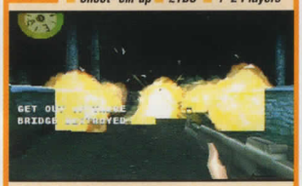
16 Ape Escape

Platformer ■ *£29.99* ■ *1 Player*

A true 3D platformer. Specter's taken over the world and is training monkeys to help him. You've got to catch all the monkeys with your net. Brilliant fun.

17 Medal of Honor 2

Shoot-'em-up ■ *£TBC* ■ *1–2 Players*



Set in World War II, you get to shoot up Nazis playing as French Resistance beauty, Manon. It's like the best war move ever made, only you get to take part!

18 Wipeout: SE

Racing ■ *£19.99* ■ *1–2 Players*

Wipeout was the game which made PlayStation cool in the first place and now you can play tracks from all three games in the series right here. A brilliant compilation.

19 Alien: Resurrection

Shoot-'em-up ■ *£29.99* ■ *1 Player*

This really is the scariest game around – it even puts *Nemesis* in the dark at times. So turn all the lights off, turn the sound right up and search for aliens. Brilliant!

20 Rayman 2

Platformer ■ *£29.99* ■ *1 Player*

If this was a school report, Rayman would be the most improved fella on PlayStation. But now he's in 3D, he's made our top 20. The best platformer of the year!

BEST OF THE REST

21. Abe's Oddysee
22. Colin McRae Rally 2
23. Bust-A-Move 2
24. Point Blank 2
25. Spider-Man
26. FIFA 2000
27. Dino Crisis 2
28. Street Fighter Alpha 3
29. Syphon Filter 2
30. Spyro 2
31. The World Is Not Enough
32. Bishi Bashi Special
33. Brian Lara Cricket
34. V-Rally 2
35. Micro Maniacs
36. NBA Live 2000
37. Knockout Kings 2000
38. LMA Manager
39. Quake II
40. Ridge Racer Type 4
41. Soul Blade
42. Hogs of War
43. Formula 1 2000
44. MediEvil 2
45. Command & Conquer: Red Alert
46. Colony Wars: Red Sun
47. Die Hard Trilogy
48. Speed Freaks
49. NFL Blitz 2000
50. Crash Team Racing

CACK ATTACK

AVOID THESE HIDEOUS STINKERS AT ALL COSTS!

1. Hugo
We had to feed Max the Dog with a vat of eggs to stop him pooing over this, the worst game in the entire world.

2. Rampage: Universal Tour
Eat a building until it falls down. Now do this a million times. So boring!

3. Sports Car GT
Don't be fooled by the EA Classic sticker on the box. It's not classic. It's tragic.

4. Barbie Supersports
"Looking cool," says Barbie when she tries on her new outfit. Then she messes everything up when she jumps on a snowboard. Dumpmungous.

5. Power Rangers
This lot should hang up their motheaten costumes for good. This game is not worthy of the name PlayStation.

Tips

Max Tactics

WRITE TO US

Send in your top tips stuff to Tom at: MAX Tactics, PlayStation MAX, Future Publishing, 30 Monmouth Street, Bath, BA1 2BW.
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Ultimate Fighting Championship

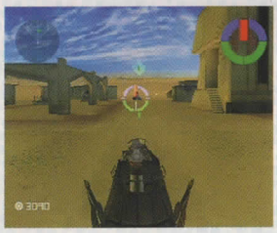
Max Out Stats
In Career mode, enter these stats on the ability points screen to receive the maximum abilities.

Life: 23
Power: 51
Speed: 3
Endurance: 9
Stamina: 27
Octagon Control: 77
Ground Skill: 34

Star Wars: Demolition

Enter the following as passwords.

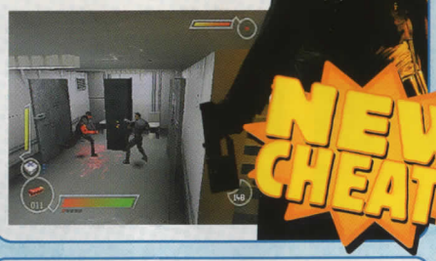
Slow Motion
SLOW_MO_ON
Gravity Reduced
LO_GRAV_ON
Two Players Choose the Same Vehicle
MULTI_CARS



No Enemies in Battle Mode
NO_BADDIES
Invincibility
RAISE_THEM
Victory FMVs
MOVIE_SHOW
Rapid Fire
FIRERATEUP
Three Enemies Attack at Once
ITS_A_TRAP
Increase Mass
BFM_FEELIT
Increase Speed
THROTTLEUP
Random Enemies
NO_PEEKING
Loser FMVs
SAD_MOVIES

Blade

Unlock All Cheats
At the main menu hold L1 and press ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ◎ R1 R2 R2 R1. Press START for the



NEW CHEATS

Danger Girl

Unlock Level Select and Cheat Menu
On the main menu press: L1 R2 L2 R1 ◎ □ △ △. Hold: L1 L2 R1 R2. Press pause during play to bring up the cheat menu.

WWF Smackdown! 2 Know Your Role

Unlockables
Play each event in Career mode and the following characters, items and events in the list below will be unlocked.

FIRST SEASON
Backlash
Steve Austin
New Move Set: 1
New Standard Parts: 3
New Character: 1
New Titantron: 1

Judgment Day
Shawn Michaels
New Move Set: 1
New Standard Parts: 3
New Character: 1
New Titantron: 1
New Match Type: Iron Man Referee

King of the Ring
Billy Gunn
New Move Set: 1
New Standard Parts: 3
New Characters:2
Titantron: 1

After the First Season
Chat with Vince McMahon
Pat Patterson
Gerald Brisco
New Move Sets: 2
New Standard Parts: 6
New Characters: 4

After the First Season
Match with Debra
Debra
New Move Sets: 1
New Characters: 2
New Characters: 2
New Titantron: 1

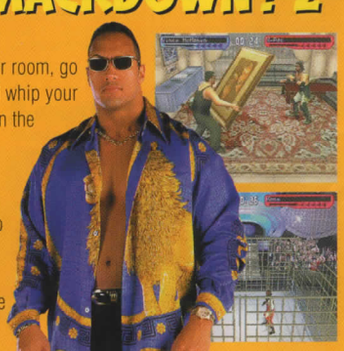
Your Cheats!

***Smackdown* fans, we all have Ross Parker from Dudley to thank for these secret locations in *WWF Smackdown! 2*. To send in your top tip, just write to us at the usual address marking the envelope 'Your Cheats'. Smashing!**

WWF Smackdown! 2

Shower Room
To access the shower room, go into the locker room and whip your opponent into the wall on the right to make a hole.

Boiler Room
Whip your opponent into the wire fence by the doors marked Boiler Room. It will leave a hole to climb through.



Send your favourite cheats to Max Tactics

Comedy Cheat

Micro Maniacs

Hee hee. Look at those tiny little tanks! There goes a Panzer just there, crawling up that piece of spaghetti. If you want to recreate the fun we had in our office simply load up a copy of *Micro Maniacs*, head to Options, choose Secret Options, hold down SELECT and press ↓ ↑ ◎ △ ◎ △ → △.

THE CHEAT MONGER

Go on ask him! The Cheat Monger knows everything there is to know about codes and cheats. His geography is pretty poor though.

EVERYBODY'S GOLF 2

Dear Cheat Monger,
Please have you got any cheats for unlocking things on *Everybody's Golf 2*? Thank you.
■ **Paul Jones, Mold**

Cheat Mode
Enter a player's name as 2GE to unlock all of the character's clubs and courses.

Unlock Secret Characters
Beating a character in Vs mode unlocks that character. When you have unlocked all the regular secret characters you will also get a chance to unlock the 13 characters from the original *Hot Shot's Golf*.

UNHOLY WAR

Dear Cheat Monger,
Could you pleaddse give me some cheats for *Unholy War*?
■ **Ross Tripp, Hull**

All Characters
Go to Mayhem mode and fill each team with players. Highlight the Set Teams option and then press the following: ◎ ▣ SELECT SELECT SELECT SELECT START START START ▣ ▣ ◎ ◎ ▣.
If the code is entered correctly 'All Players' will appear at the bottom of the screen.

COOL BOARDERS 4

Dear MAX,
Have you got any cheats for *Cool Boarder 4* that work? They ones that I have don't work. Please can you help me.
■ **Phil Shearer, Dunstable**

Enter these cheats as names to unlock the courses.

All Boards, Boarders, and Mountains
ICHEAT

All Special Events
IMSPECIAL
A voice will confirm correct entry for both cheats. Hopefully, those should work OK for you, Phil.

MEDAL OF HONOR UNDERGROUND

Dear Cheat Monger,
I have bought the game *Medal Of Honor: Underground* and I am stuck? Please, please, please give me some cheats.
■ **Dan Clarke, Rushden**

Enter these as passwords. Note they will only work on levels already completed.

Unlock Everything
ENTREZVOUS

Re-enter Password Screen
PORTECLEFS

Bouncing Bullets
RICOCHET
Select the cheat on the menu before play.

Rapid Fire
BALLESVITE

Invincibility
PUISSANCE

One Shot Kills
LATIREUSE

Unlock Wacky Taxi Mode (60 seconds to kill everyone)
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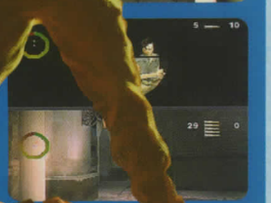


PlayStation MAX Challenge

COMPLETE THE GAME WIN PRIZES!

Well done Mr N Cundy of Sheffield. He completed our *Medal Of Honor* challenge with all medals. A fab prize will be winging it's way to him very soon.

THE CHALLENGE:

This month's challenge is for the brand spanking new *ISS Pro Evolution 2*. Your task is to take a team from the Master League starting in the second division and taking them to the first division championship. Sounds easy, huh? Well, we want you to do it on the Hard difficulty setting.

READY TO RUMBLE 2 MOVE OF THE MONTH

When things seem rock bottom and a fat-bottomed grappler has you down on the mat, try this neat trick to swap positions. When you are under your opponent with your back to the ground, press ▣ ◎ to get on top.

HIGH SCORES BE THE BEST!

Tomb Raider: Chronicles
All the secrets –
Time taken 17 hours
44 minutes
Joe Lowe, Blackpool

Wip3out
Stanza Inter – Lap time 45.46
Marcus Lee, Preston

Vagrant Story 2
400,000 points
Nick Elliot, Wycombe

TRY IT!

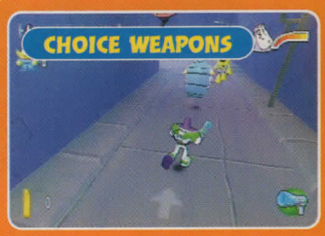
You've gotta beat the clock! Beating the time trial records are tough at the best of times, but can you defeat the record set on level four and scoop the gold medal? Then you'll be a champion.

BUZZ LIGHTYEAR OF STAR COMMAND

Is it a bird, is it a plane? No, it's Buzz Lightyear of Star Command! Fly through the levels in record speed with our super guide!

TOP TIPS

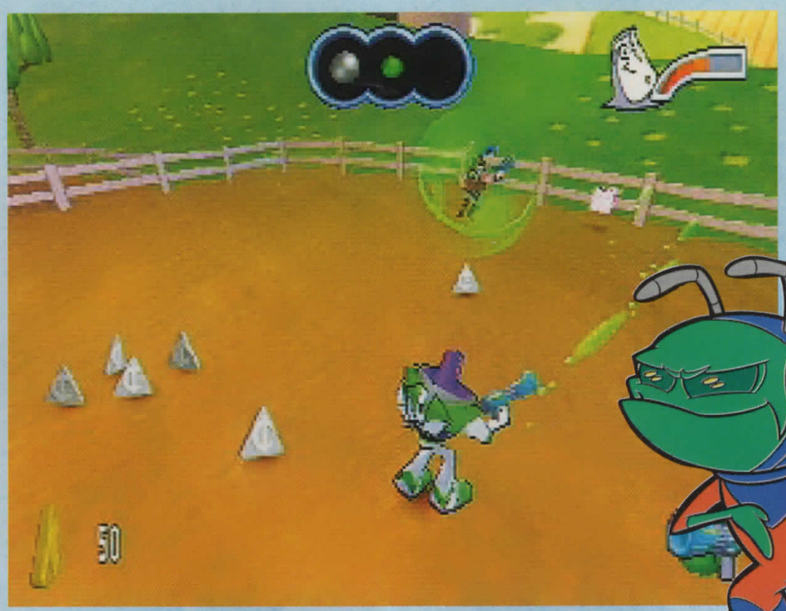
1 Don't worry too much about trying to kill enemies – unless, of course you need the money – because this will slow you down a lot.



2 Make sure the weapons that you choose are the most effective ones you can get your hands on, and remember, you'll need to find certain weapons in order to finish each level.

3 Remember, there are people out there who can help you in your task. So, if you get to the end of the level before the enemy does, your friend will give them a mighty whack. Use the cannonball power-up whenever you can too – it should give you loads of cash.

4 Listen to the briefing that you're given before each level, because you may well be given some handy tips that will help you through the game.



▲ *Remember to look at the icon at the top of the screen and use the correct weapon.*

▲ *Walk left and right to avoid their firepower.*

SUPER HERO STRESS

Saving the galaxy can be such a pain at times, can't it? Not only do you have to take care of the bad guys, but you also have to take all the credit, collect your medals and have a whole bunch of lovely ladies swooning over your galaxy-saving body. Who knows, you may even have to appear on the odd chat show because of your extra special feats. Oh well, life is hard. It needn't be though, and you can make *Buzz Lightyear of Star Command* much easier with our super guide!

The main trouble with saving this galaxy is that you have to find a balance between not only getting to the end of each level in double quick time so you can take on the enemy, but also trying to collect as much cash as you can and all the little green men.

Now that's a dilemma, because you can't complete all three tasks the very first time that you attempt to play a level. So, the best thing to do on any level is to first complete it as normal and dispose of the end of level boss without collecting any of the cash total or any of the little green men that you need.

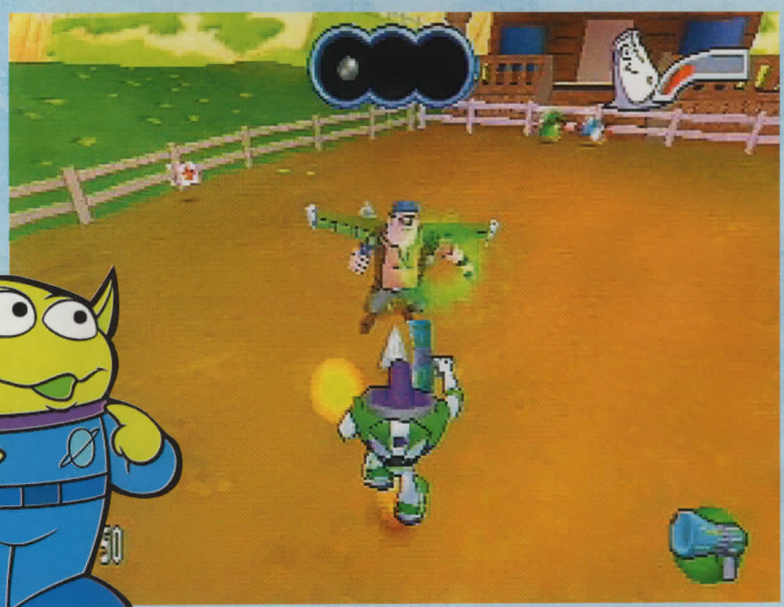
Just rush through the level getting as many decent weapons as you can, keeping an eye out for where the little green men are hidden and the quickest path through the level, before getting rid of the end of level boss. Then, once it's been completed, you can set about doing the level all over again and collecting all the little green men and all the cash that you need.

SHOOT THE BOSS

Getting rid of the boss isn't as tough as it may seem. First, make sure that you've collected a lot of money in the level and picked up loads of different weapons – you'll have a much better chance of vanquishing your opponent with a decent arsenal of weapons. Then, when you get to face your foe, take note of how they move, and keep out of their way.

Remember, each enemy has a set pattern of movement, so if you know how they move, you'll have a pretty good idea of where they're going to go next. Use the L1 and L2 buttons to move from side to side whilst still aiming loads of shots at the boss, and you should get rid of them in no time.

Also, make sure that you look at their energy orb (and the bar at the top of the screen) which will not only tell you how much life they've got left, but if you look at the colour of the orb, it'll also tell you which weapon you need to use to wipe them out. Very useful!



▲ *Collect as much cash as you can and you'll get the end of level cash medal.*

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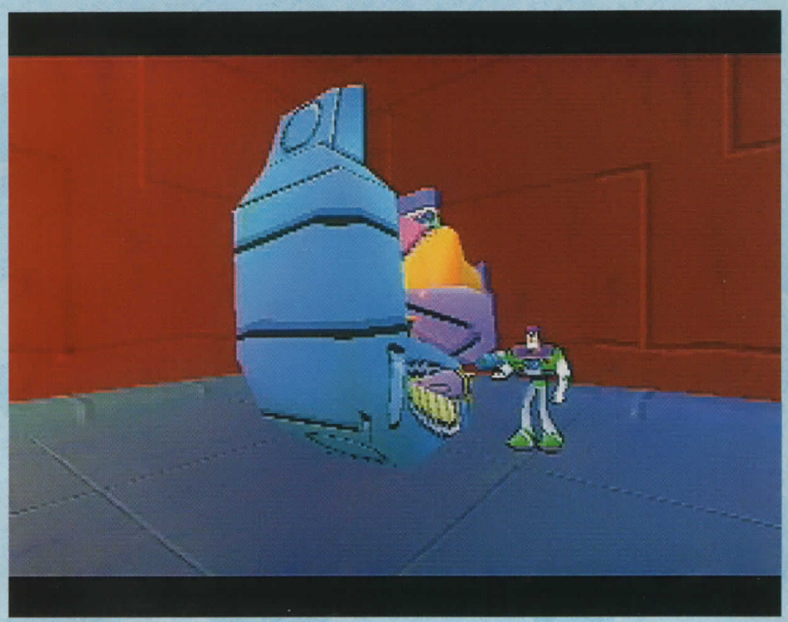
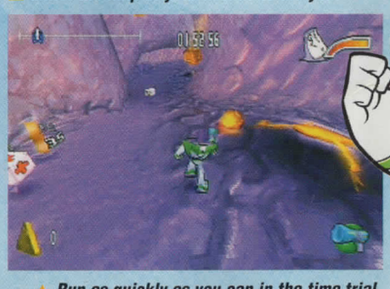


BUZZ BONUS

Don't forget that every time that you manage to complete a level, you'll have the chance to complete the bonus course. This will give you the chance to gain more medals and then you'll be able to complete the game fully. But to do this, you'll not only have to beat the time that's been set for you (which you shouldn't have any real problems in doing), but you'll also have to beat the record time, which is a much tougher proposition.

The best way to shave valuable seconds off those course times is to learn the course and work out the quickest route to get to the end. Never waste your time killing enemies either – this will only slow you down, and although you'll bag more cash, you don't really need much of it to achieve a fast time. Always make sure that you know where the power-ups that make Buzz fly are too, because if you pick up one of these, you'll not only move a lot quicker, but you'll also avoid many of the enemies on the ground too. Good luck trooper! ■

▲ *Enlist the help of your friends to aid you.*



▲ *Run as quickly as you can in the time trial.*

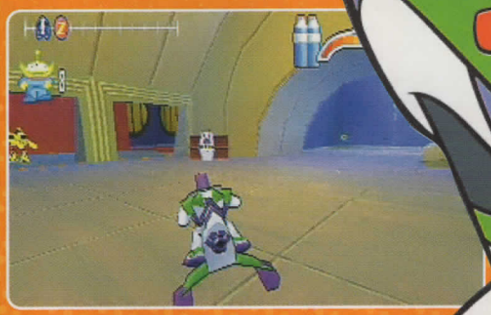
▲ *Get to the end of the level before the boss does.*

▲ *Don't get bogged down by killing all the different enemies.*

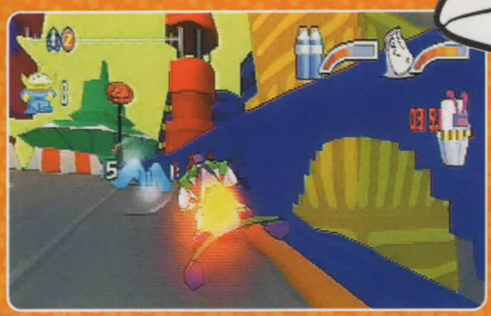
INSTANT EXPERT!

SECRETS

On level five, get your hands on the bike and then, if you time it right you can zoom over the ramps and collect the fuel at the same time, meaning you're bound to beat any records that have been set! Step on it!



▲ *Get on your bike to speed through the level.*



▲ *Collect as many jet packs as you can to go faster.*

HARDEST PART

On level six, make sure that you pay extra special attention to the quickest path through the level. There are some paths that will try to confuse you and stop you from reaching the end. If you do fail on any of the levels, it's a good idea to go back and do it again, learning from the mistake that you made the last time.

▲ *Don't be afraid to do the level again.*

▲ *Make sure that you find the green men!*

▲ *Run as quickly as you can to win!*

TRY IT!

When you finally get to play the Championship mode, head straight for the training section and see if you can get over 100% in the skipping rope event. It's harder than it looks.

PLAY GUIDE

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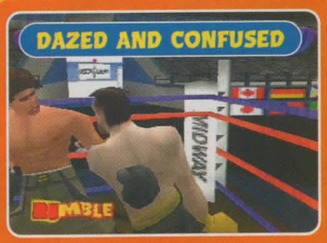
BOXING: ROU

In the red corner it's Michael Jackson, in the blue it's Max the Dog! Who's our money on? Max! (He's read this guide.)

TOP TIPS



• After a decent combo and when your opponent's almost out of energy, there will be a few moments where you can smack 'em hard and they'll be too dazed to retaliate. Use this time to unleash a few powerful moves and boost your power.

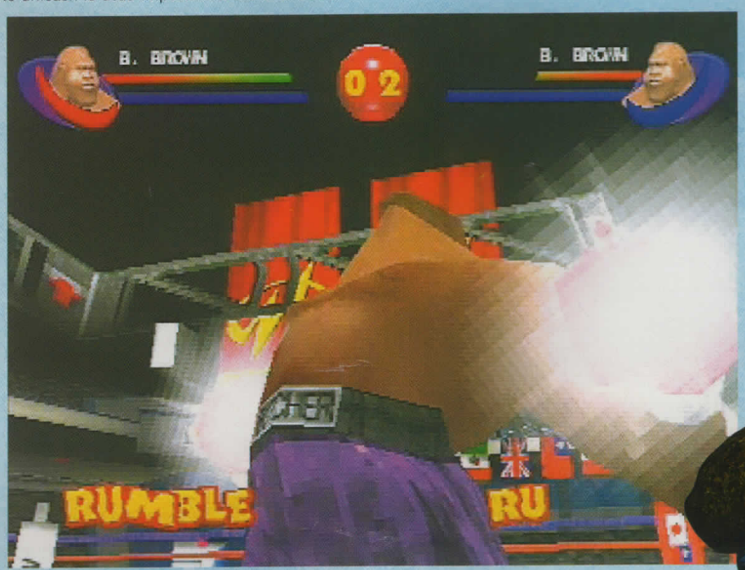
• Here's a crafty way to top up your energy when you knock down your opponent. When they're on the ground, spin the analogue stick quickly to increase the amount of health you're given back. This trick also works when you're knocked down yourself.

• The jab (◎) may not be the strongest move, but it is one of the fastest. A quick combo with a few of them will do more damage than a mistimed swing.

• Pull off a good variety of moves when it comes to combos of your own. If you stick to the same hook or body blow, then your opponent will find it much easier to read your moves and block your attacks.

IT'S A KNOCKOUT

In this sequel, there are now three grades of RUMBLE mode to choose from, and the one you choose to unleash is dead important to the end result.



▲ RUMBLE 1
Collect the six RUMBLE letters once over and you will be able to launch into the basic multi-hit combo. Kick some ass!

Best Use: If you're running out of time or health and need a quick fix to help you out, then this short burst of energy can be the perfect remedy.

▲ RUMBLE 2
Now, to get this mode, you need to collect the RUMBLE letters twice over. This means that, after collecting them once, you don't activate the RUMBLE mode and, instead, wait until the gauge has filled up again.

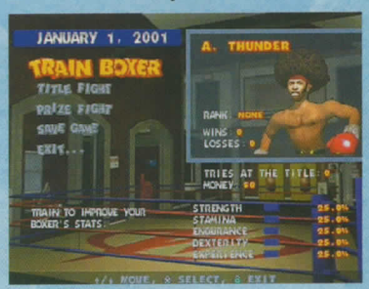
Best use: This is the same as the RUMBLE 1 mode, but the combo is longer and more powerful. It's a great one for pulling out of the bag when things look really bleak.

▲ RUMBLE 3
Now we're talking. It takes skill to fill the RUMBLE gauge up three times, but the rewards are there if you can. Remember that you lose some of your RUMBLE letters at the end of each round.

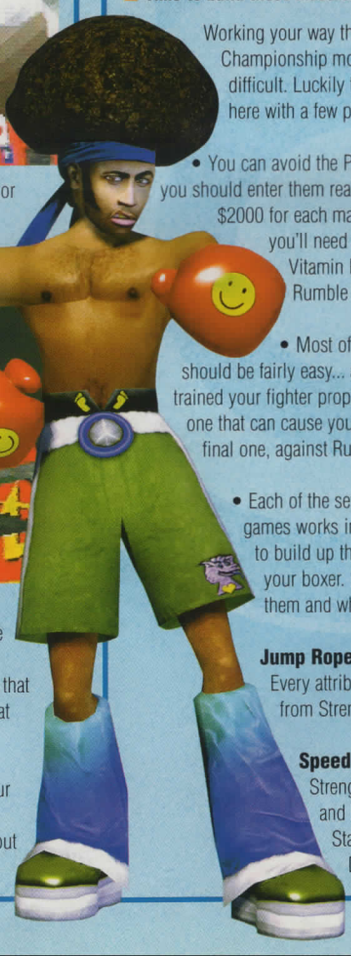
Best use: It's instant game over for your opponent with this, as three RUMBLEs equals a KO for them – you knock 'em out of the ring, see?

YOU'RE THE CHAMP!

▲ *Pick the locker of your fave star.*



▲ *Time to build those muscles up.*



Working your way through the tricky Championship mode can be difficult. Luckily though, we're here with a few pointers.

• You can avoid the Prize Fights, but you should enter them really. You collect $2000 for each match you win and you'll need the dosh for the Vitamin Program or the Rumble Mass.

• Most of the Title Fights should be fairly easy... as long as you've trained your fighter properly. The only one that can cause you problems is the final one, against Rumbleman.

• Each of the seven training games works in a different way to build up the strengths of your boxer. Here's a list of them and what they work on:

Jump Rope
Every attribute up apart from Strength.

Speed Bag
Strength, Endurance and Experience up. Stamina and Dexterity down.

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Heavy Bag
Strength, Stamina and Experience up. Endurance and Dexterity down.

Sway Bag
Stamina, Dexterity and Experience up. Strength and Endurance down.

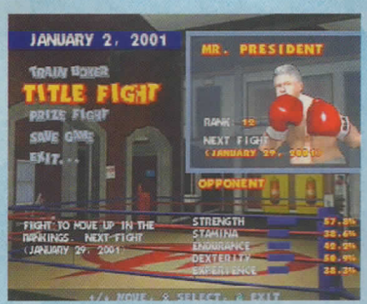
Rumble Pads
Endurance, Dexterity and Experience up. Strength and Stamina down.

Rumble Aerobics
Endurance, Dexterity and Experience up. Strength and Stamina down.

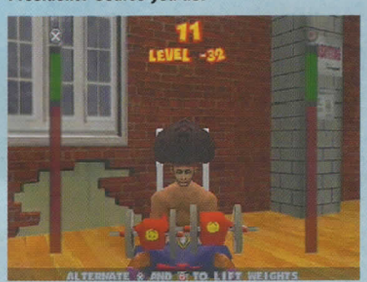
Weight Lifting
Strength and Experience up. Endurance, Dexterity and Stamina down.

• Don't worry too much about losing abilities in the training rounds, as you lose much less than you gain. The hardest ability to get is Endurance (as it's the only one that you don't collect with each fight) but, given time and experience, it'll soon start to build up – especially in your later games when you really start to need it.

• Extras? Yep, complete the Championship mode and you'll earn two brand new (and very cool) outfits for each of the characters.



▲ *Fancy a chance to beat up the ex-President? Course you do.*



▲ *This is a difficult challenge... especially with boxing gloves on. Take 'em off, fool!*

STAYIN' ALIVE

All the characters may look completely different, but there are common tactics you can use with any of them. Here's our guide to going the distance...

▲ **COMBO**
Combos are a fantastic way to knock off tons of health. If you can get the first move to connect, then your opponent won't be able to block your vicious onslaught. But be careful – don't use it too much or they'll start to learn your tricks.

▲ **VARIATION**
You may get a few good hits in just by pressing the two high punch buttons rapidly, but a varied style of attack will get you much further in the game. Start off with a couple of high punches, but then throw in a decent body blow or two before finishing with one of the best moves in the entire game, the uppercut.

▲ **BACK OFF**
Don't be afraid to back off slightly when things get a little hairy. If you're getting beaten up badly then often the worst thing you can do is to stick around and take more punishment. Block the deadlier blows and move back out of harm's way.

▲ **WAIT FOR IT...**
If your opponent throws a wild punch that completely misses, then you're now in with a chance of landing a few as they're wide open for attack. Stick in a few quick jabs and finish with something a bit more serious.

INSTANT EXPERT!

FINAL CHALLENGE

There are two Main Event matches at the end of the Arcade mode and both can be quite tricky to get through. Here's a breakdown of both of them.

Main Event 1 – GC Thunder
A close relative of Afro, GC fights in a similar way, so you have to watch out for quick attacks with a long reach. If you're playing with a character that's finding it difficult to back away from Thunder's rapid attacks, then you might want to just dive in and smash your way to the final round. Either way, you shouldn't find it too much of a challenge.

Main Event 2 – Rumbleman
He's a big boy and, at times, he seems almost invincible. The trick is to take a fast fight up against him and go in hard. If you get a quick succession of punches in, then Rumbleman won't have time to retaliate. Beat him and another secret character is unlocked.

SECRETS

If it's secrets you're wanting, it's secrets you're gettin'... loads of 'em. Every time you beat the Arcade mode a new secret character is unlocked. Here's the complete list in the order that they're released and a special move for each one. Aren't we kind?

1. **Michael Jackson** (→, → + ◻)
2. **GC Thunder** (→, ← + △)
3. **Wild 'Stubby' Corley** (→, → + △)
4. **Shaq** (←, → + ◻ + △)
5. **Freedom Brock** (→, → + ✕)
6. **Rocket Samchay** (←, → + ◻)
7. **Robox Rese-4** (←, → + △)
8. **Bill Clinton** (→ + ✕ + ○)
9. **Hillary Clinton** (→ + ✕ + ○)

▲ *Let's rearrange Michael's face... again.*

▲ *He's tall with a long range, but weaker than some of the best.*

▲ *This robot means trouble. He's fast, strong and bloomin' tough to beat.*

Tips

WRITE TO US

Send in your questions, tips, cheats and high scores to us at: MAX Tactics, PlayStation MAX, Future Publishing, 30 Monmouth Street, Bath, BA1 2BW. E-mail us: maxtactics@futurenet.co.uk

ACTION REPLAY

We've got all the latest Action Replay codes right here!

CRASH BASH

Have Golden Trophies
80099784 3030
Infinite Time
800979B4 3826
Win One Round for a Trophy
8005C4BC 0003
Infinite Power Bar/Health P1
8009BA9E 0014
P1 Scores
8009BAB8 ????

PRINCE NASEEM BOXING

Freeze Round Timer
801036E8 003C
Unlock Jimmy Silk
80100DE4 0001
Unlock Mick Oshea
80100DE0 0001
Unlock Johnny Roberts
80100DDC 0001
Unlock Frankie Zamboni
80100DD8 0001
Unlock Patrice Demanger
80100DC4 0001

DRIVER 2

Press L1 L2 for More Time
D00E6052 FAFF
800D7A6C F2C4
D00E6052 FAFF
800D7A6E 0007

No Damage – Main Cars
800D1876 0000
800D133E 0000
800D15DA 0000
800D1DAE 0000
800D37C6 0000

No Cops
800D1336 0000
800D186E 0000

Lots of Cops
800D1336 1000
800D186E 1000

Super Handbrake
D00E6052 EFFF
800D11BE 0000
D00E6052 EFFF
800D11B6 0000

Quiet Mode
800D1128 0000

Open Everything
800AA360 0028

"I'M STUCK!"

Hear that? Those are the cries of the stuck gamer. We couldn't possibly pass by without helping them out...

THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH

Dear MAX,

I keep getting killed in *The World Is Not Enough* and I can't work out why. There is one room on level 11 where my energy just runs out and there is no one shooting me! Please help.

■ **Sam Coulston, Wakefield**

The room that keeps killing you is full of dangerous radiation so activate your radiation counter before James enters the room. This will count down how long 007 can survive in this chamber. When the counter reaches 99 you will start taking damage, so head for the door at around 60 and there should be enough time to get out unharmed. Keep running in and out of the room using the Shotgun to blast the enemies inside. Once the guards have all been wasted, head through the maze of barrels on the left-hand wall and exit through the door here.

METAL GEAR SOLID

Dear PlayStation MAX,

I have got a cheat book that says that you can skip Revolver Ocelot's torture in *Metal Gear Solid*. But I need the level one keycard after the gun fight. Could you please help me find it?

■ **Robert Ashfield**

The only way to pass through the torture scene is to submit to Revolver Ocelot's torture machine. If Snake does this the ending of the game changes and he won't get to run off with Meryl into the sunset. As for finding the first of the keycards, the Darpa chief presents it to Snake during their chat in the cells. To reach him climb up the ladder at the end of the cell block and crawl past Meryl's cell and drop in.

SPYRO: YEAR OF THE DRAGON

Dear MAX Tactics,

I'm stuck in the Midday Gardens on the level with Sgt Byrd. I can't find a way into the room with the fifth hummingbird. Can you help me?

■ **Alex Russell, Solihull**

There are two hidden hummingbirds in Sgt Byrd's Base. The fourth concealed one is beyond the flame filled tunnel near the exit. To find the fifth and final one, drop a bomb onto the sealed box near the beginning of the level. It will blast away the box leaving a gap for you to fly into that goes through into the sealed room.

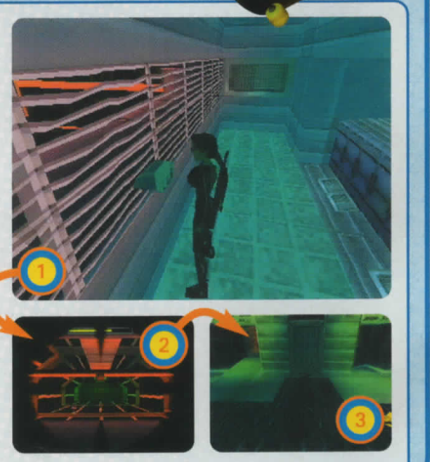
TOMB RAIDER CHRONICLES

Dear MAX,

I'm stuck in *Tomb Raider Chronicles*, on the last level! There is a firing range and I can complete the first one so that another room opens, but each time I try it the room fills with gas and Lara dies. What am I doing wrong?

■ **Gareth, via email**

These shooting ranges are training areas that don't help Lara on her mission but if you want to collect all the Secrets then they must be completed. The first target shoot is easy enough, just hit all the boards before they reach the line in the middle of the range. The easiest way to do this is to flick the HK into autofire mode and wave it from right to left. Complete this one in time and a door to the right will open revealing the next test. Saving now is a good idea as if Lara fails here, she will die. So, once inside hit the button to start and select the sight. Now this isn't easy, but follow the sequence and it is possible. The targets appear in this order: centre, left, far right, right, left, far left, far right, left, centre, left, right. Destroy them all in time and the door will swing open leaving you free to run to the end of the corridor, turn left and steal yet another Secret.



TOP FIVE... FOOTY GAMES

What's that? You want cheats for a variety of top quality football games? How many games do you want? Five? Seems like a good number. So here they are. Top codes and cheats for five of the best footy games ever released. That is how Top Five works. You ask for it, we print it. So get scribbling and tell us what you want to see.

No.1 THREE LIONS

Bonus Teams
Enter these codes at the Team Selection screen.

Oranje — L1 ↑ ↑ →
Azzuri — L2 ↑ ↑ →
Z-Axis — R1 ↓ ↓ →
Aus Asia Stars — R1 ↑ ↑ →
African Stars — R2 ↑ ↑ →
North American Stars — L1 ↓ ↓ →
European Stars — L2 ↓ ↓ →
England 1966 — L1 L1 L1 →
South American Stars — R2 ↓ ↓ →
All Time Greats — L2 L2 L2 →
Brazil 1970 — R1 R1 R1 →
Die Mannschaft — R2 R2 R2 →

No.2 INTERNATIONAL SUPERSTAR SOCCER PRO '98

All Stars Team
At the menu screen highlight Exhibition mode and press: ↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ ← → ← → ○ ⊗. The sound of clapping will confirm if you got this right. Now start a Friendly as normal but on the Team Select screen highlight Germany and press L1 R1 and then ⊗ to choose the World All Stars team.

No.3 ISS PRO EVOLUTION

Classic Euro/ World Allstars Teams
To play with these teams you must win the International, Konami, Europe, African, American, and the Asian cups. Then select the team from the menu as normal. In Master League mode the players will also be available to buy.

Unlock All-Star Teams
Win the International League using any team to unlock the World and European All-Stars.

No.4 THIS IS FOOTBALL

Enter these codes at the title screen.

70's Mode
L1 R2 L2 ○ R1

Small Players
□ R2 → L2 L1

Big Heads
△ △ L2 L1 L1

Black & White
↑ R1 L2 R1 R2

Topless Players
↓ R2 R2 R2 △

Tracksuit Bottoms
○ L2 ← L2 △

Big Babies
→ □ ↑ ↑ R2

Small Heads
R2 ↓ L2 L1 ○

No.5 FIFA '99

Finding Ronaldo
On the Inter-Milan or the Brazilian team sheet the bucktoothed Ronaldo hides under the name A. Calcio.

Get Pele
Beat all three cups on the highest difficulty. He will now appear on Brazil.

X-PLORER CARD

Get all the best X-Plorer cheat codes every ish in MAX Tactics!

ALADDIN: NASIRA'S REVENGE
999 tokens
87161EEBD81D
#2Infinite: Health
375B9A70353D
Lives
87ED2452C535

DAVE MIRRA FREESTYLE BMX
Timer Frozen
Press L1 L2
7715D55DBC34
07E727A63535
Each Trick is Worth 10.000 Points
77F02477F278
57CDC5D69539
5BEF15CB5D00
Max Points After Any Jump
Press SELECT L1 L2
D7BBB800BD33
8709890A5535
D7BBB800BD33
871F732C4135
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87078F105D35
8793F23E353D
878C03B9C0B8
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Moon Jump
Press ⊗:
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870A0130C128
Hyper Mode
87A0FA9B3436
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All Characters Unlocked
3751C7493541
Unlock All Levels
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Unlock All Bikes
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Unlock Movie
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THEME PARK WORLD
Infinite Money
801D56B8 A120
Number of Visitors
801D69C4 0???
Have Five Golden Tickets
80103984 0005

MUPPET MONSTER ADVENTURE
Inf Health
8759B1153638
Inf Time
87E5B7EE0571
Have Chicken (Press △)
77B358CCB134
87500A8A25D2
998 Tokens
8775CBF3D61B
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Note: You still need to pickup one of each token.

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BEAT THE TEAM

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This month, it's the kids versus the "professionals", as the MAX team takes up the challenge on their home turf.

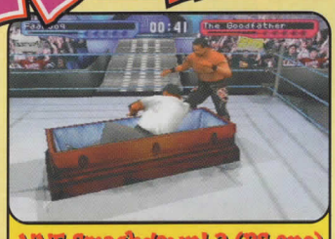
The Kids

Hotly-tipped for Great Things, the draw for the play-offs is stacked in their favour as Liam picks *Smackdown! 2*, Alex *Moto GP2* and Joe *This Is Football 2*. "That's exactly what we wanted," says Joe. The smart money is on the kids already.

The Team

The MAX team are taking things *very* seriously. Andy has carefully decided which seat will give him the best view, Simon has spent hours finding the best joypad, and Sally has made everyone calming cups of tea. Bring it on!

ROUND 1



WWF Smackdown! 2 (PS one)

NAME: Liam

AGE: 11

FAVOURITE GAMES:
1. Street Fighter Alpha 3
2. Dragonball Z
3. WWF Smackdown! 2

NAME: Sally

FAVOURITE GAMES:
1. Dead or Alive 2
2. Hello Kitty
3. Harvest Moon

▲ Both competitors seem confident enough.

"What are the buttons?" asks Liam. Luckily, Sally doesn't know either. Liam picks The Rock, and Sally picks Trish Stratus. "She looks most like me," she says. "Have we started?" Yes – Liam grips Sally in a headlock. Sally gets in a girly slap, but Liam turns and punches her in the face. "That's no way to treat a lady," moans Andy. Sally, meanwhile, has other things on her mind. "I like her boots." Leaping off the side ropes, Liam pins Sally to the ground. "Smackdown!!," says Liam. "I can't believe I won. I've never even played this before!" 1-0.

▲ Should've checked the 'use by' date on your jar of Eye of Newt, Sally.

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MAXIMISE CONTROL!

ROUND 2

Moto GP2 (PS2)

NAME: Alex

AGE: 11

FAVOURITE GAMES:
1. Tony Hawk's 2
2. Grand Theft Auto 2
3. Dragonball Z

NAME: Andy

FAVOURITE GAMES:
1. ISS Pro Evolution
2. Metal Gear Solid
3. Rugrats (shhhh!)

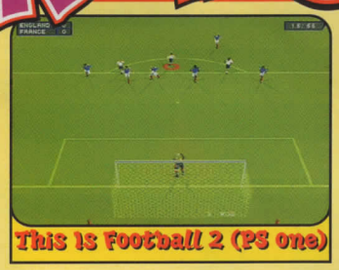
▲ Confident? Yes.

▲ Confident? Gulp!

"I've never seen a PS2, never mind played one," says Alex. Andy, meanwhile, looks nervous. "There's £1,000 riding on this – I better not lose!" To make things fair, they both choose the Honda NSR500. "Go Alex!" cheers Liam as Alex rides into the distance. "Hurry up," yells Simon at Andy. Drastic action is called for as Andy crashes into the back of Alex, sending him flying. "Oi!" Lap two and it's neck and neck until Andy overtakes on the final straight. "I can't look," says Liam. "You beauty," cheers Simon. "1-1!" cheers Andy.

▲ Andy's a bit 'too' pleased about beating his opponent. Nasty man!

ROUND 3



This is Football 2 (PS one)

▲ Concentrate!

▲ This looks bad!

▲ "It's too easy, I feel sleepy."

NAME: Joe

AGE: 11

FAVOURITE GAMES:
1. Theme Park World
2. Dragonball Z
3. Medal of Honor: Underground

NAME: Simon

FAVOURITE GAMES:
1. Moaning
2. Complaining
3. Sulking

FINAL RESULT

It's Italy versus Argentina. Simon heads the wrong way and nearly scores an own goal. Joe grabs possession, but Simon's not happy. "There's something wrong with my joypad," he moans and hurries off to find a new one. Play commences, and Joe has a shot, and another, and finally belts in a beauty! Half time. "Got to claw it back," says Simon. "Don't tell Simon he's going the wrong way again," says Liam. Joe passes it up the wing, and chips in a second goal just before the final whistle. Victory to the young uns!

We're the best. We took on the pros and won!
It seemed too easy. It this a set-up?
Do we get £1000 worth of games each? No? Ah well, it was worth a try.

THE KIDS – 2
THE TEAM – 1

COMPO

Are you cleverer than someone with two heads? See how many points out of a possible 15 you can score below.

1-5 Why you little... Re-read MAX now!
6-10 *D'oh!* Need to swot up.
11-14 *Mmmmm!* You're pretty tasty!
15 *Sweet!* You're a PlayStation god!

MAX THE DOG'S PS FUN

WORD SEARCH

Hidden in this grid are 15 words, all to do with The Simpsons. But can you find them all? Ring them all and you'll get a point.

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MAGGIE

HOW DID YOU DO?

Right, check out the answers below, tot up your score and see how well you did according to the points totals at the top of the page.

SPOT THE TURD

Ooooh. What's that smell? If we didn't know better, we'd say that that snickering mutt MAX has been on a poor diet and done his business in the pages of MAX somewhere. If you can spot the pile of doggy droppings (not including the ones in reviews), you get a point.

Face Off!

You know the MAX team? Andy, Simon and Sally? Well, see if you can work out who's who from these three facial features below. A point for each correct one.

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

Quiz

How well do you know your PlayStation? And how carefully have you read this month's issue of PlayStation MAX? Try your hand at the questions below, with a point awarded for each correct answer.

1. What is The Simpsons' cat called?
2. What's the name of the main character in *C-12*?
3. How many teams can you chose from in *European Super League*?
4. Which member of the MAX team moaned the most in Beat the Team?
5. Which game lets you shoot Heihachi from *Tekken*'s head?
6. Which Teletubby rides a micro scooter?
7. Which game features a secret shower room and boiler room?
8. Which character do MAX readers officially think has the worst haircut?
9. Which footballing follow-up features a brand new Master's League?
10. What's the main difference about the latest Fatal Fury beat-'em-up?

Answers: Spot the Turd: page 26. QUIZ 1) Snowball II 2) Vaughan 3) 16 4) Simon 5) Point Blank 3 6) Po 7) WWF Smackdown 2 8) Rayman 9) ISS Pro Evolution 2 10) It's in 3D. Face Off! 1) Sally 2) Simon 3) Andy

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